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PREFACE.

THE Council of the Surtees Society, in publishing a third volume of Wills and Inventories, venture to hope that the present addition to the most popular of their publications will meet with the same welcome which was so generally accorded to its predecessors. A new and untrodden district, rich in natural and artificial beauty, has been here traversed. A new mine has been opened, and if out of this hitherto unexplored treasure-house any gem has been drawn forth, which by its freshness or its brilliancy has lit up some dark spot in local or general history, or has darted its vivifying rays along the lifeless and faded lineaments of some ancient rite or custom, the object of the Society has been well attained.

The subject of testamentary records presents a field of research from which the genealogist and the ecclesiastical antiquary may gather a rich and abundant harvest. The historian may find beneath its virgin soil the materials for the erection of a noble edifice. These documents are not only important as illustrative of the simple manners of an early age, but they are still more interesting for the light which they throw upon

the life and annals of families and individuals which are so intimately connected with national history and national prosperity. A slight sketch, therefore, of the Richmondshire gentry may, perhaps, not be deemed an inappropriate introduction to the present volume; but the branches into which such a subject diverges are so various and extensive, that it can only be treated here in a narrow and superficial manner.

After the disastrous defeat and death of the last of our Saxon monarchs, the Conqueror met with a vigorous and organized opposition to his arbitrary usurpation in the "loyal North." Edwin Earl of Mercia and Lord of the honor* of Richmond, rallied around him the flower of the Saxon nobility, and, having garrisoned the city of York, made a long and desperate resistance to the Norman arms. After a protracted siege the gallant Saxons were defeated through the treachery of their Danish allies, and the whole of the North of England felt the heavy hand of the Conqueror's indignation. Among the Norman warriors, who by their intrepidity had mainly contributed to their master's success, was Alan, surnamed Rufus, a younger son of Eudo Duke of Bretagne. He had especially distinguished himself at the siege of York, and the broad lands of the vanquished Edwin were the reward of his loyalty and valour. Alan, upon taking possession of his newly won principality, soon discovered that the spirit of his subjects was by no means quelled by the severities which they

* I use this word here by way of distinction. The successor of Edwin was the originator of the appellation.

had so recently experienced; suffering and torture had not severed the ties of affection which united them to their ancient masters, and they favourably contrasted the mild and gentle sway of the Saxon Thane with the iron rule of the Norman Baron. Alarmed at these unmistakeable manifestations of popular feeling, Alan built for his own security the stately castle of Richmond, and placed the whole of his little kingdom under the stern rules of feudal domination. With this object in view he distributed among his more favoured dependents large tracts of his extensive possessions, and they too with no sparing hand proceeded to emulate the liberality of their benefactor. These powerful subjects, among whom we may enumerate the great baronial names of Marmion, Fitzrandall, Fitzalan, and Fitzhugh, from the continued absence of their feudal superiors, the Dukes of Bretagne, in their foreign courts, would necessarily acquire a more unlimited and unrestricted authority. To them we owe the foundation of those majestic castles by which Richmondshire was formerly held in awe, and which even in decay bear witness to the grandeur of their ancient lords. To their piety we are indebted for the erection of the finest of the parochial churches and the most splendid of the monastic establishments. As this powerful race of nobles died out, their place was taken by others of almost equal influence and magnificence, who did not fail to keep alive those salutary principles of feudal relationship which their predecessors had so wisely and so successfully originated. These were

the illustrious families of Scrope, Neville, Percy, and Conyers, and with these four noble houses the greater part of the Richmondshire gentry were in some way or other connected. As the feudal system began to grow weaker and weaker under the mass of corruptions with which it was laden, the feeling of dependence upon some great house, though it necessarily became enfeebled, did not totally expire. The inferior families, which either from their own worth or from the various circumstances of the times had risen to a position which was in many cases nearly equal to that which their former masters had previously occupied, did not on that account renounce all connection with their tottering superiors. The feeling of clanship was still too strong to permit such a social revolution. The younger brother or the kinsman who had been left, as was too frequently the case, without home or portion, could not yet afford to renounce his obligations to the patron upon whose kindness his very means of subsistence were entirely dependent. The inferior families were still too glad to look for protection and support to the head of their house, and they were proud to address him as their cousin, or even to call him their master. On the other hand the great houses at length began to see the folly of the exclusive system which they had been so fondly cherishing, and were eager enough to bind more closely to their interests, by the ties of marriage and affection, those whom they had hitherto regarded merely as dependents.

After these brief remarks I shall now attempt to

investigate the social condition and the domestic economy of the Richmondshire gentleman, during the period embraced by the present volume.

The first point in the subject which attracts our observation is the extreme quietude and monotony of his life. Familiarized as the gentry were with all those scenes around them, in which natural beauty and peaceful repose were so happily blended, they were unwilling to desert the place of their earliest associations for a strange and more troubled atmosphere. Here they had been born, and here they wished to die. Some few indeed had in their early life been engaged in border warfare, but their campaigns were in general but of short continuance. Some younger sons had sought their fortunes and hazarded their lives in a foreign service, but, if the chances of war had allowed them to remain unscathed, they sought again their ancient homes, bringing back with them for the admiration of the wondering villagers the trophies of their valour, and many a stirring tale of feats of knightly prowess and heroic valour. Here they could fight their battles over when they chose, and pass the remainder of their days in the lap of peace. The assaults of the border riever and the foray of the wandering moss-trooper were unknown here, and they could retire to rest without the dismal expectation of being aroused from sleep to follow in the tract of their stolen flocks by the light of their own reeking homesteads. To this happy exemption the Richmondshire gentry were indebted for their rapid advance in architectural taste and

agricultural improvement. Their churches were erected on a larger and a grander scale than those of their less fortunate neighbours, while at the same time their own mansions were built with a view rather to domestic convenience than to personal defence. For a similar reason they were not under the necessity of turning three-fourths of their land to grass, but they might till, sow, and reap as the seasons bade them, for there was no spoiler near. The moss gave up her waters, and the forest bowed his head, before the arts of peace.

When, however, we allow that the Richmondshire gentry had great facilities for the display of architectural taste, we must, at the same time, admit that in their domestic edifices they did not avail themselves of the advantages which they possessed. The family mansions with which the district abounds, and which, with a few exceptions, were erected during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, have but little decoration or beauty to recommend them to our notice. Their builders wished for a useful and not for an ornamental dwelling. They are generally of one or two stories in height, and contain only a few small and low rooms, almost all of which, if we may judge from the inventories of their masters, appear to have contained beds. In some of the larger houses, which were reared with a less sparing hand, we frequently find that every room had its own peculiar name, and occasionally we meet with an apartment bearing the title the King or the Queen's chamber, which would lead us to suppose that it is a proud memorial of some royal

visit.* The two principal rooms were the hall and the best bed-chamber, or the great chamber as it is frequently called. The walls of the hall were generally draped with green, red, or yellow cloth, and the curtains for the windows were of the same material. If there were no hangings, a brace of spears or halberts, an old sword or two, or a corslet, concealed the nakedness of the walls. Down the middle of the apartment was placed a long table, which is known to have been sometimes formed out of a single tree; it was generally laid upon trestles, and on either side of it was a long plain form. In a corner or a recess stood a round table, with its attendant carpet or cover of plain or raised work. Against the walls were ranged six or eight low stools called buffet stools, with their cushions. In addition to these there were two large high-backed chairs for the head and foot of the dining-table, which, when not in use, were probably placed before the fire. The floor was generally flagged with stone, as foot-carpets were as yet of the rarest occurrence, but it was occasionally overspread with rushes. At one end of the room was the fire-place upon the ground, in a deep recess in the wall, with the chimney entirely open. It was occasionally fitted up with andirons, and it was generally fed with logs of wood, although coals were

* In the middle of the seventeenth century we find a house in Richmond which was probably an inn, with rooms which bear the somewhat modern names of the Rose, Crown, Mitre, and Boar's Head. Paradise was a favourite name for a bedroom. In 1643, Ralph Chaytor, rector of Wensley, had a chamber which rejoiced in the somewhat opposite title of Purgatory, which was appropriately furnished with a bed and two stools of the poorest description.

sometimes used, and could be obtained without any serious inconvenience. At the further end of the room, and directly opposite to the fire, was a cupboard or Flanders chest of carved work, which was covered with a carpet, and a pair of candlesticks, and a few plates and vessels of china, or even of pewter, were arranged upon it.

The great chamber contained the best bed of which the house could boast, with its tester and hangings of damask, sarcenet, or say. It was not unfrequently the production of some cunning workman, and was curiously carved, and sometimes elaborately inlaid. It was generally of a large size. The walls and windows of this apartment, like those of the hall, were also covered with hangings. With the exception of the bed, the principal ornament of this chamber was a large chest or press, in which the wardrobe, linen, and plate of the family were most carefully preserved. A few chairs, perchance with embroidered cushions, another chest, and an almery, would complete the furniture of the apartment.

From the preceding enumeration of the fittings of the two chief rooms in the mansion of an ordinary country gentleman, we may fairly enough conclude that the other chambers were furnished in a plainer and more unostentatious manner. Simplicity was still paramount here. Utility had not yet wedded to her own homely forms the tasteful ornaments and the delicacy of refinement which hover around the skirts of wealth. The master of the village hall might gaze with an admiring and almost with an envious eye

upon the splendour of his patron or his lord, but he would view with still greater pride the heirlooms which his fathers had bequeathed to him, and he would be content to mould his own life in accordance with their simple precepts and traditions. Among those memorials of his ancestors which he treasured up with such a devotional veneration were their robes and plate. Here were gowns whose fading velvet and worn-out lace had witnessed the revelry in the halls of Ravenswath or Middleham, or had been present at the Easter festivities in the refectories of Durham or of York. Here there was a cup, perchance of foreign workmanship, which had graced a royal board, or could tell of the banquets at Easby or at Jervaux.

All the many and various associations of time and place would naturally make the Richmondshire gentleman more wishful to bind himself with a closer tie to the home which his fathers had reared. Almost the first request that he makes in his will is that he may be laid among his ancestors in his parish church, and he had little reason to fear that the consummation of his wish would be denied him. There was little to call him from his home, and, except on extraordinary occasions, the house of some kinsman or a neighbouring town was the extreme point of his wanderings. From his own lands he could derive everything that was necessary for the maintenance of his establishment. His own flocks and herds supplied him with provisions for his family, whilst fish and fowl could be easily obtained. The beer which he and his household consumed was of his own brewing: it formed a con-

siderable item in his expenditure, for wine, even in the most wealthy families, was at this time comparatively unknown. His meals were served up on pewter, and the greater part of the vessels which were requisite for the services of his house were made of the same metal or of wood. Even his very candles were of home manufacture, and he was indebted to the industry of his own domestics for the simple garb in which he was ordinarily attired.

His amusements were perhaps the only source of any additional expense. Every gentleman had his ambling nag, and vied with his neighbour in the breeding and selection of his stud. From this laudable spirit of emulation the Richmondshire horses became almost proverbially renowned. At the dissolution of the monasteries, when the Royal Commissioners paid their visit to the wealthy abbey of Jervaux, the richness of the pastures which surrounded it and the excellency of the horses which they were rearing made a vivid impression upon their generally unsusceptible minds.* In no part of England, perhaps, was horse-racing carried on with more spirit than in Richmondshire during the present and succeeding centuries.

* "Gervayes," says Sir Arthur Darcy to Cromwell, "is oon off the fayrest chyrches that I have seen, fayr medoore, and the ryver runnyng by ytt, and a grett demayne. The kynges hyenes is att greatt charge with hys stoodes of mares att Thornbery and other placys, whyche arr fyne growndes; and I thynke thatt att Gervayes and in the grangyes incydent, with the hellp of ther grett large commones, the kynges hyenes by good oversseers schollde have ther the most best pasture thatt scholld be in Yngland, hard and sownd off kynd; for surly the breed of Gervayes for horses was the tryed breed in the northe, the stallones

Gaterley Moor, the most celebrated course in the North of England, was in the very heart of the district; and almost the highest ambition of the North-country gentleman was to bear away the bell on that famous field. The number and value of their horses is a strong proof of their attachment to this favourite sport. In more than one instance, indeed, we may detect traces of the existence of extensive training establishments in the vicinity of the moor, an occupation for which Richmondshire affords rare facilities, and which is even now pursued there with considerable success. The sportsman could on all sides find ample employment for his bow or his hounds. The lowlands were filled with game of every description, which fell a ready prey to his hawks or his dogs. In the loftier and more exposed situations the eagle still reigned supreme, and had not yet given up his rock-bound dominions to the usurper man. The wild bull still ranged the forests of Teesdale. The graceful forms of the red deer or the roe might still be seen in the woodland glades, for they had not yet been driven to seek for refuge in wilder haunts and a colder climate. The salmon still sought his native streams, where he could roam at his own wild will, with no bar to his impetuous course. In the following century it was one of the boasts of the patriarch Henry Jenkins

and marees well soortyd; I thynke in no reallme scholld be fownd the lykes to them, for ther is large and hye growndes for the somer, and in wynter wooddes and low growndes to serve them."—Letters on the Suppression of the Monasteries, edited for the Camden Society, by Mr. Wright, p. 158.

that, at his superhuman age, he could kill a salmon and dub a fly with any man in Richmondshire.

It is somewhat surprising that the homely and quiet life and the healthy amusements in which our ancestors indulged should have failed to prevent a comparatively early death. But few of them arrived at the age of threescore years and ten. The simplicity and sameness of their fare was unfavourable to the prolongation of life. The neglected drainage of the country would necessarily generate malaria, whilst the still more imperfect construction and ventilation of their houses would provoke the attacks of fever in its various appalling forms. Many diseases were at that time of ordinary occurrence which have either been extirpated by the rapid advance of the medical science or have been made entirely subservient to the rules of modern pharmacy. The small-pox was then a terrible foe to human life, and occasionally left whole villages without almost a single inhabitant. That mysterious scourge the plague was in those days not an unfrequent visitor, and left behind fearful traces of its irresistible power. The populous town and the lonely village were alike ravaged by its desolating arm—the castle and the cottage alike bent before its might. In 1598 no less than 2,200 souls —more than four-fifths of the whole population of the town—fell victims to its violence in Richmond alone.

To these general causes the shortness of the lives of our ancestors may be summarily ascribed; but at the same time we must not forget to enumerate several

particular occurrences by which the life and fortunes of the Richmondshire gentleman were considerably affected during the period embraced by this volume.

The first of these was the celebrated Pilgrimage of Grace. This ill-fated insurrection originated in a desire to prevent the destruction of the monasteries, and was confined solely to the North. In no part of England was there more attachment to "the old religion," and Henry Jenkins, after a lapse of more than a century, could well remember the grief and dismay which was everywhere exhibited at the dissolution of the religious houses. Some notion of the object of this unfortunate rising may be gathered from the subjoined proclamation, preserved in the State Paper Office, which was published at Richmond by the rebels.* The enterprise resulted in a complete failure, and a great number of the gentry and yeomen who had been participators in it paid the penalty of their temerity.

In 1569, about thirty years after the Pilgrimage of

* That all the commons in every township should rise in pain of dethe, and take all lords and gentylmen, and make thaym swer he hon the messe bowke to these harticles foloying:—

To mantein the profit of holye churche, wyche ware the howssholldeyng of the Chrysten faythe.

That no lord nor gentylman shall take nothing of ther tennands, houle thare rents to put downe the lorde Cromwell, that heretyke, and hall his sett, whyche mayde the king put downe praying and fasting.

That no lord or gentyllman he shall not go to London.

If oney lord or gentyllman do deny to take thys hothe, then to put thaym to dethe, and put the next of hys blode in hys place, and yf he deny, put hym to dethe in lyke sorte, so on after anoder to on of the blode wyll take the hothe.

Grace, another religious movement was attempted in the North, and a number of the Richmondshire gentry followed the crescent of the Percies.* This insurrection, though it was more serious than its predecessor, was also unsuccessful, and death, banishment, and confiscation were dealt out among the offenders with no sparing hand.

Provoked by these repeated ebullitions of popular feeling, and fearful lest the spirit which had been so unmistakeably manifested might be finally successful, the government, in self-defence, proceeded to adopt the severest measures. With this object in view, the Council of the North was established at York, and conformity with the religion of the State was exacted in the most rigorous manner. Many, therefore, of the Richmondshire gentry who refused to renounce their faith were cast into prison, and not a few of them died in bonds. Yet, notwithstanding all this persecution, among the Richmondshire cavaliers, who in the following century fought so well for King Charles, none were so prodigal of their estates and lives as the Roman Catholic gentlemen. They had not shaken off their loyalty to their king, whose predecessor had allowed their grandfathers and kinsmen to pine away and rot in chains.

These remarks are founded mainly on the documents which this volume contains. Brief and un-

* For an account of this insurrection, which was emphatically called the Rising in the North, I must refer my readers to the well-known work of the late Sir Cuthbert Sharp, to which I have been frequently indebted.

connected though they are, they may perhaps incite others to the consideration of an interesting and hitherto neglected subject—the manners and domestic economy of our ancestors. We have been so accustomed to generalize in questions of historical and antiquarian research, that we begin to despise the particular details in which the charms of freshness and reality can alone be found. We have been so much enthralled by the dazzling splendour of greatness and nobility, that poverty with its lowly graces has been allowed to crumble away into its kindred dust. The statesman lives in the annals of many an historian, whilst the peasant and the tradesman have found no biographer. We can form no fair general conclusions as to the life and manners of any age unless we have a full and accurate acquaintance with the habits and domestic life of every class of society which was then in existence. This can only be a work of much time and labour. In the present case I have ventured to consider but one point out of a wide and extensive subject, and this, too, has been treated in the slightest and most superficial manner. The other branches which spring out of it are too lengthy to be compressed within the narrow space of a preface. The condition of the yeoman and the noble, the state of the clergy, and the ecclesiastical history of the time, fraught as it is with the deepest interest, must necessarily be omitted here. I can only hope that in the short and meagre sketch which has been given above no conclusion has been overdrawn and no fact stated without sufficient authority.

It may, perhaps, be advisable to give a brief account of the Archidiaconate of Richmond, and its peculiar and extensive jurisdiction.

The Archdeaconry of Richmond was erected in the year 1090, by Thomas Archbishop of York, who endowed it with the valuable impropriations of Easingwold, Bolton, Clapham, Thornton Steward, and Arcleden. Its revenues were so large that it was considered to be the richest archdeaconry in the kingdom, and its authority was fully proportionate to its wealth. The power of the Archdeacon reached its culminating point in 1127, when Henry I. took Allerdale and Cumberland out of his jurisdiction, to establish the see of Carlisle; in compensation for which loss Thurstan Archbishop of York gave to him all the privileges and prerogatives of a bishop, with the exception of the acts of ordination, consecration, and confirmation. His authority extended over eight deaneries, which are still more or less under his jurisdiction, namely, Borobridge, Catterick, Richmond, Lonsdale, Kendal, Amounderness, Furness, and Copeland. All this great and extensive power was in the possession of the archdeacons of Richmond until 1541, in which year Henry VIII. abolished the office, and erected out of it the see of Chester. The Bishop of Chester, however, still permitted all such matters and questions as did not trench upon his episcopal dignity and privileges to remain under the jurisdiction of a commissary, who was elected by himself, and who took the place of the archdeacon.

This commissary continued to hold his court at

Richmond till the year 1709 or 1710, when, for the sake of convenience, it was removed to Kendal. In the year 1718 it was carried to Lancaster for a similar reason, and it is extremely probable that many, if not all, of the wills and inventories from the western deaneries which had been previously preserved at Richmond now followed the wanderings of the court. In 1743 the corporation of Richmond began vigorously to demand the re-establishment of the registry at Richmond, and their petition, after some delay and inconvenience, was finally acceded to.* The court and many of its records were brought back to Richmond in the year 1750, and since that time have remained stationary there.

The wills for the deaneries of Borobridge, Catterick, and Richmond are in a very fair state of preservation, and many of them are of considerable antiquity. They are tied up in bundles in alphabetical order, and an index, though somewhat faulty and incomplete, has been made of them.

The wills for the five western deaneries have unfortunately met with less careful treatment. There are but few antecedent to 1600, and these are in a

* This question produced considerable controversy and litigation, and several pamphlets were published on both sides, which are now extremely rare. The following three are in my possession:—

1. The Case between the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of Richmond and the Principals and Officers of the Consistory Court of the Archdeaconry of Richmond. 1748.

2. Remarks upon the Case, &c. "Ye take too much upon you." 1748.

3. A Reply to some Remarks, &c. 1748.

deplorable condition. They are written on paper, and have suffered most severely from damp and neglect.* But a very small number of wills from the Lancashire deaneries remain. From the year 1610 to 1719 the series is in excellent order and preservation, but is unhappily without an index. Since the latter year all the wills for these deaneries have been proved at the local courts at Lancaster and Kendal.

In addition to these original documents there are preserved in the court at Richmond two registers or copy-books containing transcripts of wills which were proved during the reigns of Edward VI., Mary, and Elizabeth. They are in good condition, and are marked C and D respectively. These books have evidently formed part of a series which is now lost, as a leaf of a general index made before the year 1600 refers to five others of which several meagre fragments are still in existence.

One of the early registers of the archdeacons alone survives. It consists of 160 pages written on vellum, and is in very excellent preservation. It commences in 1442 in the archidiaconate of Thomas Kemp, and

* This destruction was probably caused by the scandalous way in which the wills were removed from Lancaster. Tradition says that they were brought to Richmond in open carts, without any covering or protection, during wet weather; and this tale is certainly corroborated by the present condition of some of the documents themselves. As the carts came through Wensleydale, on their way to Richmond, many bundles are said to have been lost, which found their way into the possession of the Dalesmen. This fact will account for the deficiency in the early Lancashire and Westmoreland wills; but it is, however, by no means improbable that many were detained at Lancaster and Kendal.

contains the proceedings of the five succeeding archdeacons, Grey, Laurence Booth, Arundell, John Booth, and Sherwood. The documents enrolled in it are principally institutions, commissions to inquire into rights of patronage, licences to celebrate mass in oratories and to collect alms, papal bulls, and other miscellaneous instruments. This register however is not rich in testamentary documents, the number of wills enrolled in it being only seven, all of which have been printed at the commencement of the present volume.

It would appear that as late as 1680 there were other registers of the archdeacons in existence, as several are referred to by Torre, the antiquary, in his MS. collections, now preserved in the library of the Dean and Chapter of York. Torre speaks of three registers to which he refers by the following marks, which are explained in the beginning of his book.

B r A register book in the possession of the Commissary at Richmond marked with the letter B, and commencing on the 2nd of April, 1361, Humphrey de Cherleton being archdeacon.

C r A similar book marked with the letter C, extending from the year 1390 to 1399.

E r Another book, being the register of Henry Bowett, Archdeacon of Richmond, and extending from 1418 to 1482.

All these registers have now disappeared, and nothing is known of their fate. Had they been in existence

they would probably have furnished several most important additions to this work.

In conclusion, the Editor must confess that he has had some difficulty in the selection of the documents which are contained in the present volume. The mass of original wills preserved in the court at Richmond is so large, as almost to preclude any regular and systematic search. Some idea of the toil and time expended in the collection of the materials for the volume now given to the public may be gathered from the fact, that it has cost more than *three months* of hard labour.

It has long been the intention of the Council of the Surtees Society to publish a glossary of the rare and local words which their wills and inventories contain, but they are well aware that such a work would be necessarily incomplete unless the series had been previously concluded. They have, however, at present no wish to discontinue some of the most useful of their publications. The registries of Carlisle and Durham abound with unedited documents of the most valuable kind. York, if she would but give up her wealth, could furnish *twenty* volumes of surpassing interest. At Richmond the field is by no means exhausted, and the peculiar courts at Knaresbrough and Masham are stored with records which have been hitherto unexamined.

In conclusion the Editor has the greatest pleasure in acknowledging the very deep obligations he is under to J. Bailey Langhorne, Esq., the deputy-registrar at Richmond. Not only is he much in-

debted to Mr. Langhorne for his unexampled liberality in allowing him to make the most extensive searches in his treasury at Richmond, but he feels still more grateful to him for the very great personal kindness which he has so uniformly shown to him. He must also tender his thanks to Mr. Langhorne for the valuable suggestions which he has received from him, and to the Rev. Wm. Greenwell for his aid in transcription. The Editor at the same time is bound in filial duty to add, that this volume could perhaps never have been completed by him had he not been able to rely constantly upon the good advice and the ready help of one to whom he is indebted for the whole of that little antiquarian knowledge to which he can pretend.

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WITHIN THE

ARCHDEACONRY OF RICHMOND.

I. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNÆ HOTON.

[Reg. Kemp. f. 4.]

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ultimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini Millesimo cccc.xlij., ego Johanna Hoton,* de Welles, compos mentis meæ, condo et ordino testamentum meum in hunc modum. Imprimis, lego et commendo animam Omnipotenti Deo, Creatori meo, corpusque meum ecclesiasticæ sepulturæ tradendum. Item pro mortuario meo optimam togam meam. Item lego Johanni Fawsett clerico j. peciam argenti. Item lego eidem Johanni vj s. viij d. quos Johannes Mildenall michi debet super vadio cujusdam crucis auri. Item lego eidem Johanni unum signetum auri, in manibus Johannis Hyde, liberandum eidem Johanni Hyde, j. nowche de auro et j. signet de laton. Item lego eidem Johanni Fawsett ij s., quos Johannes Walworth de Raby michi debet, super quadam zona argenti pariter. Item lego eidem Johanni Fawsett vj s. viij d., quos Marjoria Alanby michi debet, super ij. cocliaria argenti et j. zona. Item lego eidem Johanni Fawsett iiij. parapsides, vj. discos, iiij. salsaria et j. chargeour de pewdyr, j. par precularum de l'aumbr, et j. lavacrum pendens. Item do et lego eidem Johanni Fawsett omnes et singulos illos denarios, quos Robertus Baker, attornatus meus, recepit et nomine meo recepturus est de Willielmo Hoton de Hunwick et Galfrido Pereson de Raneof. Item lego Aliciæ Fawsett, famulæ meæ, j. par linthiaminum optimum, j. materesse et j. coffr'. Item lego Johanni Dowdale et Johanni Gybson vj s. viij d. inter eos dividendos, ad orandum pro anima mea. Item lego sorori Margaretæ de Apilton j. cocliar argenti. Item lego Marionæ Fawsett j. ollam

* Of the family, apparently, of Hutton of Hunwick, in the county of Durham.

eream de j. lagena. Item lego Ricardo Fawsett iij s. iiij d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum—Johanni Fawsett, ad disponendum inde pro salute animæ meæ.

II. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS EDLINGTON, RECTORIS ECCLESIÆ DE KYRKEBY RAVENSWATH.

[Reg. Arundell, f. 34 b.]

In Dei nomine, Amen. Primo die mensis Octobris, anno Domini Millesimo cccc.lvij., ego Johannes Edlyngton, Rector ecclesiæ parrochialis de Kyrkeby Ravenswath* in com. Ebor. compos mentis et sanæ memoriæ condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, lego et commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ Virgini et omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia cath. Beati Petri Ebor. Item lego optimum animal meum secundum consuetudinem Archidiaconatus Richmondiæ Archidiacono, nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego conventui monachorum Beatæ Mariæ Ebor'. xl s. pro exequiis meis exequendis post obitum meum. Item lego abbati et conventui de Valle Dei unam bibliam coopertam cum nigro corrio, quam emi de magistro Radulpho Audeby, sub condicione quod iidem abbas et conventus solvant, seu solvi faciant, infra annum post obitum xl s., executoribus meis vel eorum uni, et non aliter nec alio modo; et in defectu solucionis hujusmodi lego eandem bibliam librariæ ecclesiæ parrochialis de Boston. Item lego Thomæ Botyrwyke omnia superlectilia mea quæ habet in custodia sua apud Boston, excepto uno plumali lecto, quem lego Johanni Bosbery capellano. Item lego predicto Thomæ in pecunia vj s. viij d. Item volo quod omnia debita mea et expensæ per executores meos, vel eorum unum, plenius persolvantur, aliqua assignacione seu legacione in contrarium non obstantibus. Item volo quod omnia bona mea et catalla in presenti testamento non legata vendantur ad majus comodum, quocunque favore postposito. Item lego Roberto Ayr capellano unam togam talarem et duplicatam in parte superiore, viridis coloris. Item lego altari Sancti Petri in ecclesia parrochiali de Pynchbek Testamentum meum de velveto rubeo. Item lego Johanni Bosbery capellano meo togam meam optimam cum capucio ejusdem coloris, vel valorem, unam murram de optimis secundam, unam peciam argenteam optimam, sex cocliaria argenti et xij. pulvillos optimos. Item volo quod pre-

* Instituted to the church of Kirkby Ravensworth, upon the presentation of the Abbot and Convent of St. Mary, York, 26th June, 1443, after the resignation of John Cotingham. Buried in the Cathedral Church of York. See his Epitaph in Drake's Eboracum, p. 499.

dictus Johannes Bosbery capellanus meus supradictus habeat magnum Portipherium meum, Missale meum, librum qui vocatur Pupilla Oculi, Legendam Auream, Portipheria parva, unum Kalendarium, unam calicem in diversis partibus deauratam et unum superaltare de gagat, cum ceteris altaris ornamentis, cum pertinentiis, pro viginti libris sterling, solvendo quadrigenta solidos annuatim, quousque predicta summa viginti librarum plenius persolvatur: et, si contingat predictum Johannem obire antequam predicta summa integre persolvatur, tunc volo quod tantum quantum persolvit pro predictis libris sibi et assignatis de bonis meis per executores meos restituatur, et predicti libri cum ceteris, forma superius recitata, vendantur ad majus comodum, et pecunia pro eisdem recepta per executores meos disponatur. Item volo et lego predicto Johanni Bosbery centum sex libras tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios, ad celebrandum pro anima mea, parentum et benefactorum meorum, ad altare Sancti Petri in ecclesia parrochiali de Pynchbek supradicta, ad terminum viginti annorum post obitum meum immediate sequentium et completorum, capiendo quolibet anno pro salario suo octo marcas, durante termino supradicto, sive sanitate gaudeat sive infirmitate langueat. Et si contingat predictum Johannem Bosbery obire ante terminum viginti annorum supradictum, volo et lego residuum dictarum centum sex librarum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum fabricæ ecclesiæ de Pynchbek supradictæ secundum discrecionem et supervisionem executorum meorum vel unius eorum disponendum. Item lego Johanni Wilson capellano parochiali meo togam meam de murray cum fresa duplicatam. Item lego predictæ librariæ de Boston unum librum qui vocatur Policronicon, unum librum vocatum Dieta Salutis, cum aliis libris meis, exceptis libris superius venditis et legatis. Proviso tamen quod predictus Johannes Bosbery secundum velle suum ad terminum vitæ habeat in possessione sua usum omnium predictorum librorum, et postea remaneant predictæ librariæ. Item lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes de Kyrkeby Ravenswath, per tres vices, tres libras. Item lego Jacobo Pereson xl s., vj. pulvillos de corio rubeo, omnia utensilia mea, exceptis meremio calce et sabulo in rectoria mea de Kyrkeby Ravenswath, unam cellam quæ fuit mortuarium Ricardi Allwent, et unam murram planam. Item volo moneo et exhortor executores meos quod non deliberent neque eorum aliquis deliberet aliqua bona sive jocalia per quemcunque seu quoscumque michi pro aliquo mutuo impignorata donec de predicto mutuo executoribus meis vel eorum alicui sit satisfactum et hujusmodi mutuum realiter sit persolutum. Item lego Johanni Guskholme servo meo duo coopertoria, duas lodices, unum par linthiaminum, unum pulvinar, unam ollam eneam parvam, unum caldarium, ij. parap-

sides, ij. discos, ij. salsaria de electro, unum quarterium de carne bovin' sals', et dimidium perne de carnibus porcinis, et rewardum de focali. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum, post debita mea plenarie persoluta et expensas meas funerales secundum discrecionem executorum meorum honeste factas, ac alios sumptus necessarios circa expedicionem negociorum meorum et execucionem testamenti faciendos, do et lego executoribus meis ad disponendum pro salute animæ meæ in operibus caritatis et presertim ad fabricam et construccionem ecclesiæ parochialis de Pynchbek predictæ, juxta bonam discrecionem executorum meorum. Et pro execucione et disposicione hujus testamenti facio et ordino executores meos magistrum Willelmum Langton, et lego eidem pro labore suo si ministret v. marcas, et dominum Willelmum Burne, et lego eidem si ministret iiij. marcas, et dominum Johannem Bosbery, et lego eidem si ministret quatuor marcas. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento sigilla mea apposui. Dat. die et anno Domini supradictis.

[Proved in the Court of the Dean and Chapter of York, the 20th March 1457, by all the executors.

Approved by the Archdeacon of Richmond on the 25th March 1458.]

III. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI RADULPHI FYZRANDALL MILITIS.

[Reg. Arundell, f. 34.]

In Dei nomine, Amen. Vicesimo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini Millesimo. cccc.lvij., ego Radulphus FyzRandall, miles,* compos mentis et sanæ memoriæ, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, lego animam meam Deo et Beatæ Mariæ et omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Sancti Michaelis Archangeli de Spenyngthorn, in capella Sanctæ Mariæ, cum mortuario meo debito eidem ecclesiæ. Item lego ecclesiæ parochiali meæ unam togam de damask, pro vestimento inde faciendo. Item lego uni capellano honesto, ad celebrandum Divina in ecclesia Sancti Michaelis anno durante, septem marcas. Item lego fratribus Minoribus, ad celebrandum Divina in ecclesia sua Richmundiæ anno durante, septem marcas, pro anima mea et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Item lego Elizabethæ uxori meæ omnia jocalia argentea et deaurata. Item lego filio meo Ricardo xxiij l. xj s. iiij d. Item

* Of Spennithorne. The grandson of the testator, by marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Lord Scrope of Masham, became the owner of Constable Burton, which afterwards passed with another heiress to the family of Wyvill.—V. Gale, Reg. Hon. Richm. App. p. 247, and Clarkson's Richm. p. 68.

lego filio meo Thomæ xxiij l. xj s. iiij d. Item lego filiæ meæ Isabellæ xliij l. xj s. iiij d. Item tribus ordinibus Fratrum viz. Yarom, Allerton, et Ebor', xv s. inter se dividendos per æquales porciones. Item volo quod servi et familiares remunerentur secundum discrecionem uxoris meæ. Residuum—debitis et exequiis persolutis, do et lego Elizabethæ uxori meæ.

[Prob. ult. Jan.]

IV. TESTAMENTUM ROGERI DUKDALE DE PAROCHIA DE GARESTANG NUPER DEFUNCTI.

[Reg. Sherwood.]

In Dei nomine, Amen. xxix. die mensis Januarii, anno Domini M.cccc.lxvij. ego Rogerus Dugdale, compos mentis et sanæ memoriæ, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, do et lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Beatæ Mariæ et omnibus Sanctis ejus, corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali de Garestang. Item lego rectori ecclesiæ de Garestang unum equum nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego cuilibet capellano qui interfuerit exequiis meis et missæ in die sepulturæ meæ vj d. Item lego j. animal ad reparacionem pontis de Garestang. Item lego uni capellano idoneo xx s. ad celebrandum dicta servicia pro anima mea in ecclesia de Garestang prædicta. Item lego j. pannum cericum ad ecclesiam prædictam. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum superius, post debita mea soluta, do et lego Elizabethæ uxori meæ, Johanni filio meo et Roberto Ambrose, ut ipsi inde ordinent et disponant pro salute animæ meæ prout melius eis videbitur faciendum Deo placere et animæ meæ proficere. Et eandem Elizabetham, Johannem et Robertum meos ordino, facio, et constituo executores per presentes. Hiis testibus, Thoma Huton vicario ecclesiæ de Garestang, Edmundo Massherode capellano, et aliis.

V. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI NICHOLSON DE HORNEBY.

[Reg. Sherwood, f. 68 b.]

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Ricardus Nicholson de Hornby, Eboracensis diocesεos, sanus memoriæ, xxiij die mensis Julii A.D. M.cccc.lxix, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Beatæ Mariæ, et omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum ecclesiasticæ sepulturæ cum mortuariis meis debitis et de jure consuetis. Item lego fabricæ

ecclesiæ de Hornby unum bucculum etatis ij. annorum. Item lego lumini Beatæ Mariæ in dicta ecclesia j. ovem matricem. Item lego Willielmo Nicholson patri meo xl. oves. Item lego Agneti sorori meo j. bucculum ætatis ij. annorum et j. juvencam dictæ ætatis. Item lego Aliciæ sorori meæ j. bucculum et j. juvencam dictæ ætatis duorum annorum. Omnia alia bona mea residua mobilia, presencia et futura, ubicunque existencia, debitis meis et legatis premissis solutis et completis, do et lego Christofero Nicholson fratri meo naturali, ad disponendum pro salute animæ meæ, prout melius ei videbitur expedire, quem ordino, facio et constituo meum executorem per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Hiis testibus: Johanne Dowson, Christofero Taylour et Thoma Harper, et aliis. Datum apud Northampton die, mense, et anno Domini supradictis.

[Prob. xj. Octobris, M.cccc.lxix.]

VI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS KIMBLOW RECTORIS DE LAMPLUGH.

[Reg. Sherwood, f. 69.]

In Dei nomine, Amen. xviij. die mensis Septembris A.D. M.cccc.lxix. ego dominus Johannes Kimblow, rector ecclesiæ de Lamplugh, Archidiaconatus Richmundiæ, Eboracensis diocesecos, compos mentis et sanæ memoriæ, licet corpore debilis et egrotus, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, commendo animam meam Deo, Beatæ Mariæ et omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Beatæ Mariæ Karliolensis, juxta altare Sanctæ Sithæ Virginis ex parte australi. Item lego eidem altari j. missale, j. calicem et ij. corporalia nuper prestita domino Thomæ Lamplugh militi et uxori suæ, ac ij. urceolos. Item do et lego Deo et ecclesiæ Cathedrali Beatæ Mariæ Karliolensis, Priori et Canonicis regularibus ibidem Deo servientibus et successoribus suis totum illud tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis in longitudine et latitudine, prout jacet in vico Castri Karliolensis, et a dicto vico ad vicum piscariæ inter tenementum ipsorum Prioris et Canonicorum nunc in tenura Thomæ Wilton ex una parte, et tenementum quondam Nicholai Thaylzour, nunc in tenura Maltildæ Thalyour, ex altera parte, præter j. cameram ibidem in qua solebam jacere, quam do et lego domino Roberto Blanerhasset, consanguineo meo, pro termino tantum vitæ suæ, et præter aliam cameram prædictæ cameræ proxime situatam, quam do et lego Thomæ Blanerhasset consanguineo meo similiter, ad terminum tantum vitæ suæ, et præter illam domum mansionis in qua nunc manet Johanna Lucas, quam

eidem Johannæ do et lego similiter ad terminum tantum vitæ suæ, quam quidem cameram domini Roberti Blanerhasset post mortem ipsius do et lego præfatæ ecclesiæ, Priori et Canonicis ibidem, cameram quoque præfati Thomæ Blanerhasset post mortem ipsius do et lego præfatæ ecclesiæ, Priori et Canonicis ibidem, necnon domum sive mansum præfatæ Johannæ Lucas post decessum ipsius similiter do et lego præfatæ ecclesiæ Cathedrali, Priori et Canonicis ibidem. Et volo quod prædictæ cameræ et domus sive mansum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis post decessum præfatorum domini Roberti Blanerhasset, Thomæ Blanerhasset, et Johannæ Lucas, et eorundem cujuslibet sic mori contingentis, una cum reversione præfati tenementi mei prius legati, præfatæ ecclesiæ Cathedrali, Priori et Canonicis et successoribus suis revertantur et integre remaneant in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute animæ meæ in perpetuum, absque contradictione seu clameo heredum seu executorum meorum, aut aliorum quorumcumque in aliquo movendo seu faciendo; proviso semper quod dictus Prior et Conventus Carliolensis, et successores sui, exequias meas et missam obitus mei in crastino, sicuti pro animabus dominorum Willielmi Strykland et Marmaduci Lomley Episcoporum quondam Carliol' facere consueverant, solempniter celebraverint annuatim. Præterea iidem Prior et Conventus Carliolensis et successores sui omni nocte qua post completorium antiphona *Salve Regina* cantatur a conventu quinque sereos in honore quinque gaudiorum Beatæ Mariæ Virginis coram ymagine sua in dicta ecclesia conventuali de sumptibus et expensis dicti Prioris et Conventus et successorum suorum pro salute animæ meæ inveniant comburendos, perpetuis temporibus duraturos. Item do et lego dicto Thomæ Blanerhasset magnum portiforium meum et xx li. celebraturo pro anima mea per iiij^{or} annos, si ipsum ad ordinem sacerdocii contigerit promoveri, si commode fieri poterit, et si dictum Thomam ad sacerdocium promoveri non contigerit, tunc do et lego dictas xx li. alio capellano, quem executoribus meis conducere placuerit in hac parte, similiter per iiii^{or} annos, si commode fieri poterit. Item do et lego Marionæ filiæ meæ totum illud tenementum meum cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, prout jacet in foro Carliolensi, inter tenementum Johannis Bost ex una parte et tenementum Thomæ More ex altera parte, ad terminum tantum vitæ suæ, et post decessum ejus volo quod dictum tenementum vendatur per executores meos et disponatur pro salute animæ meæ. Item do et lego Willelmo Blanerhasset et heredibus suis illam porciunculam terræ, quæ nunc jacet juxta cameram domini Ricardi Morland, quondam in tenura Johannis Banebery. Item do et lego Alano Blanerhassett illud tenementum in quo nunc Johannes Warwyk manet in vico piscariæ Carliolensis ad terminum tantum vitæ suæ, et post deces-

sum ejus do et lego idem tenementum Johanni Blanerhasset similiter ad terminum tantum vitæ suæ, et post decessum ejusdem Johannis, volo quod idem tenementum vendatur et disponatur pro anima mea. Item do et lego Johannæ Lucas antedictæ annualem redditum xiij s. iiij d. durante termino vitæ suæ. Item do et lego Katerinæ sorori meæ togam meam penulatam cum le puts et xl s. in pecunia recepturos per manus executorum meorum, prout opus habet, marito suo ignorante. Item do et lego curato ecclesiæ parrochialis Beatæ Mariæ Karliolensis vj s. viij d. Item do et lego cuilibet capellano exequias meas et missam in die sepulturæ meæ celebranti xij d. Item do et lego ordini fratrum Minorum Karlioli vj s. viij d. Item do et lego ordini fratrum predicatorum Karlioli vj s. viij d. Item do et lego Aliciæ Wales ad maritagium suum vj l. xiij s. iiij d. Item volo et ordino quod in eventu quo supradicti Johannes Blanerhassett, Alanus, Willelmus, dominus Robertus et Thomas, fratres et nepotes mei, perturbaverint, molestaverint seu in aliquo vexaverint, aut eorum aliquis perturbaverit, molestaverit seu in aliquo vexaverit executores meos, quominus hæc ultima voluntas mea quiete et pacifice valeat adimpleri, quod legata si quæ fuerint pro parte hujusmodi sic delinquentia pro nullo habeantur. Item do et lego domino Roberto Blanerhassett sepedicto, exequenti hanc ultimam voluntatem meam, pro labore suo xiij s. iiij d. Item do et lego Willielmo Wales pro labore execucionis suæ vj s. viij d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum, debitis meis prius persolutis, do et lego Marionæ filiæ meæ antedictæ, quam quidem Marionam, dominum Robertum Blanerhassett et Willelmum Wales antedictos ordino facio et constituo meos executores, ut ipsi et eorum singuli disponant pro anima mea prout secundum consilium magistri Willielmi Raa melius videbitur expedire. Supervisores autem hujus testamenti facio et constituo dominum Johannem Penyngton militem, et magistrum Willielmum Raa antedictum. Hiis testibus: magistro Willielmo Raa sepedicto, domino Patricio Nykson capellano, Johanne Blanerhasset de Carliolo mercatore, Thoma Blanerhassett clerico, Mattheo Jackson et aliis.

[Prob. xvj. die mensis Novembris M.cccc.lxix.]

VII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI DALE.

[Reg. Sherwood, f. 61.]

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Robertus Dale, alias dictus Robertus Flesshewer, de Magna Fencots, condo, ordino et facio testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, lego animam meam Deo

Omnipotenti, Beatæ Mariæ Virgini ac omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum sepeliendum fore in ecclesia mea parochiali de Kirkby Fletham, secundum discrecionem executorum meorum. Item lego pro mortuario meo optimum meum animal. Item lego xx. marcas pro j. magna campana emenda ad dictam ecclesiam meam parochialem de Kirkby Fletham. Item volo quod executores mei solvant pro factione terciæ partis fenestræ vitreæ in fine campanilis dictæ ecclesiæ (*blank*). Item lego uni capellano celebranti pro anima mea et pro anima uxoris meæ, si mori contigerit infra annum post decessum meum, et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, vij. marcas. Item lego Priori et Monachis Montis Graciæ vj s. viij d. Item lego fratribus Minoribus de Richmond v s. Item lego fratribus de Yarom v s. Item lego fratribus de Allerton viij s. Item lego fratribus Augustinianis Ebor' v s. Item lego fabricæ pontis de Morton xij s. Item lego fabricæ de le Kirk bank infra parochiam de Kirkby Fletham iij s. iiij d. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Northallerton ij s. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Danby super Wysk ij s. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Langton xij d. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Scrowton xx d. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Bedale ij s. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Ripon ij s. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Sancti Petri Ebor' ij s. Item lego meam togam ex coloribus rubei et blodii ad sustentationem le rudeloft infra ecclesiam meam parochialem de Kirby Fletham. Item lego Johanni Barden de Scrowton meam tunicam de russett. Item lego Johanni Balan de Litill Fencots meam tunicam de fustyan. Item lego Willelmo Barden meam tunicam de correo. Item lego Johanni Dale fratri meo togam meam blodiam. Idem lego iv. ulnas panni linei pro j. altarcloth altari dictæ ecclesiæ de Kirkby Fletham conficiendo. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum, debitis meis primitus persolutis, ac expensis meis funeralibus factis, do et lego executoribus meis, ut ipsi disponant pro anima mea, prout eis melius videbitur expedire. Hujus autem testamenti mei facio executores meos Johannem Dale fratrem meum, Robertum Hobson et Thomam Thornton, ad perimplendum omnia supradicta. Et Georgium Soulby armigerum, in quo habeo magnam confidenciam, supervisorem dicti testamenti mei facio et constituo, ut ipse supervideat executores meos in omnibus supradictis perficiendis et perimplendis. Hiis testibus, Ricardo Pety, Johanne Smelt, Ricardo Kirkby et Johanne Thomson, cum multis aliis. Datum xv. die mensis Aprilis, A.D. M.cccc.lxx. Item lego domino Johanni Pegill capellano x s. Item lego Johanni Browne consanguineo meo j. tunicam vocatam jak et iiij s. in pecunia.

[Probatum fuit &c. xij. die mensis Marcii A.D. supradicto.]

VIII. TESTAMENTUM ALICLÆ FRANKLAND DE CIVITATE EBOR.

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Alyson Francland of the parishing of Saynt Petyr the Lyttyll, in the Cytte of Yorke, being of a hole mynde and of a gud rememorance, the x. day of the moneth of February, the ȝeir of our Lorde God M° D° and xxv^ti^, ordance and maks my last wyll and testament in maner and form foloyng. First I wyll my soyle to God Almyghty, to our Laydy Saynt Mary and to all y^e^ Saynts in hevyn, and my body to be birrid in my parish kirk garth, neir unto the hye qwheir side. Also I will unto M^r^. Wylliam Knols all the rysydew of my gudds, for to bring me forthe honestly, and to dispose for my soule, as hym pleis. Witnes heirof my curate, Syr Herry Rancok.

IX. INVENTARIUM BONORUM EDWARDI LORDE NUPER DEFUNCTI.

[Circa 1520-30.]

First, in woll xv. ston, lxx s. Item ix. ston of wodwys, ij s. iij d. Item v. bras potts, xij s. Item in peudar and kandylstyks, iiij s. vj d. Item in beddyng and bordclothys, xiij s. iiij d. Item arks, kysts, j almery, j cownter, xiiij s. iiij d. Item j qwele, j par of kayrds, j rakyncok, xij d. Item in plowgeyr, ij s. viij d. Item xiij. akar of corn, v l. iij s. viij d. Item in hey, ix s. Item eght kye and iiij. oxen, v l. xiij s. iiij d. Item xvj. stots, stryks and calffs, iij l. v s. iiij d. Item v. skour ald schepe at xviij d. j. pec. Item lij. hoggs. . . . Item panys. . . . caldron. . . . *Detts y^t^ y^e^ said Edward doth hawe.* Fyrst to y^e^ priores of Wylbarfors, vj l. Item to y^e^ Prior of Conyngshede. . . . Tomas Tempes for suts and fyns, ij s. iiij d. Sir William Haryngton, xxvj s. viij d. . . . .

X. INVENTARIUM BONORUM DOMINI WILLELMI PENNYNGTON* MILITIS . . . . ET IN QUARTO DIE DECEMBRIS, ANNO 1533.

Furst vj. brasse potts and a chaffer, x s. iiij d. Item a cawdren, viij s. Item viij. pannys, xij s. Item a basen of . . . and ewre, ij s. Item a washyng basen, iiij d. Item ij. old bassens, vj d. Item a charger, xx d. Item vij. platters, ij s. viij d. Item xiiij. dyschys, vj s. viij d. Item xij. sawsers, ij s. iiij d. Item ij. raks and ij. spytts, iiij s. Item a frying pan and ij. droppyng pannys,

* The head of the ancient and knightly family of Pennington, which had been seated at Muncaster from the time of Henry II. The expenses incidental to his funeral, as we see, amounted to the large sum of 160*l.*

xvj d. Item a grederne, ij. chawfendyschys, iiij. knyffs, ij s. iiij d. Item a ladyll and a flech crome, xij d. Item v. candylstyks and ij. salts, iiij s. iiij d. Item iiij. tubbys and xvij. aill potts, xvij d. Item iij. hangyngs for bedds of sylk, iiij li. Item a testern and a hangyng of sey, vj s. viij d. Item a trussyng bedde, vj s. viij d. Item a stylletory, xvj d. Item another trussyng bede, iij s. iiij d. Item sertan hangyngs for chambers, the hall, with other places, iiij li. Item iij. carpytts for coveryngs, iiij s. Item xx. coveryngs, xl s. Item iiij. trossyng coffars, xxvj s. viij d. Item cusshyns of damaske, iij s. Item xiij. feder bedds with xij. bolsters, v li. xiij s. iiij d. Item a pare off fustian, v s. Item ij. pare off blanketts, v s. iiij d. Item viij. mattresses, xxj s. iiij d. Item ix. pylloys of dawne, vij s. iiij d. Item viij. dyeper clothys, iiij li. Item xv. dieper towells, xiij s. iiij d. Item xv. dieper napkyns, x s. Item xv. paire off fyne shetts, iij li. xv s. Item iij. old shetts, ij s. Item an old coberd cloith, iiij d. Item a mantyll, xij d. Item hangyngs of sylke, xxij s. iiij d. Item a cover of a pott of sylver, iij s. iiij d. Item brewyng vessell, xiij s. iiij d. Item vij. pair of canvesse shetts, ix s. iiij d. Item a paire of fyne shetts, iij s. iiij d. . . . . Item xiiij. bord clothes, xvij s. vj d. Item a dieper cloth, v s. Item a dieper towell, xx d. Item ix. old shetts, vij s. vj d. Item an old bord cloith, iiij d. Item an old dyeper towell, xvj d. Item xv. napkyns, ij s. vj d. Item other smaill stuff, ij s. iiij d. Item xxij. kye with followers at x s. le prys, amounts, xj li. Item xij. sterrs at x s. vj d. le prys, vj li. vj s. Item viij. other bests at viij s. le prys, iij li. iiij s. Item ij. effkers, xiiij s. Item iiij. sterks at iiij s. le prys, xx s. Item iiij. drawght sters at xij s. le prys, xlviij s. Item old shepe, M. and ix., iiij^{xx}x li. v s. Item lambeij$_3$, ^{c}iiij^{xx}xij., xvj li. xij s. Summa clxx li. x s. v d.

The detts of the above namyd Ser William Pennyngton, knyght. Fyrst to the Lady Gascong for the mariege of the chyld, clxvj li. xiiij s. iiij d. To Rauf Warren of London, mercer, l li. xvij s. To hyss syster Cook, xx li. To John Gray of Cossey, lx li. To Braunch of London, vj li. To John Bellyngton, xxvj s. xj d. To a hosyer of Suthewerke, iiij li. xx d. To Wylliam Osborne, skynner, viij li. xviij d. To Sir John Cornewallez, ix li. To Mr. Fryston, x li. To John Payn of Rodawne, iij li. vj s. viij d. To Thomas Chamber of Rodawne, liij s. iiij d. To John Scut of London, taylore, iiij li. To John Robynson, xl li. To hys tennants, cc li. The severall expenses eght day and oder charges about the bereall of said Sir William Pennyngton, knyght, clx li. Summa debitorum cum severalibus expensis, ccccc.lxxxv li. xx s. v d.

XI. INVENTARIUM BONORUM JOHANNIS BARON DE MAPPLETON.

Inventorium omnium bonorum quæ fuerunt Johannis Barron, die obitus sui, ultimo die Junii, anno Domini M°ccccc° trigesimo quinto, appreciatorum per quatuor viros fide dignos, Ricardum Hoge, Thomam Houtton, Johannem Ingram, et Willelmum Story.

Item a purs with ij s. iiij d. Item a gown with a dublytt, x s. Item a cownter, a chayr, a fyrme with a bynk bord, vj s. iiij d. Item a cobbord with a dysbynk, v s. Item iij. bras potts, ij. panns with a gottlyng, xiij s. Item ij. pudderdublers, x. dysches, ij. sausers, a salt with ij. candylstyks, v s. Item iij. tubs, iij. bowlls, x. dysches with a bauyll, ij s. viij d. Item an arke with a chyste, iiij s. Item iij. mattrisses, iij. coverlydds, v. codds with iij. towells, xiiij s. iiij d. Item vij. lynyn schetys, ij. strykyns, iij. hardyns with a bordcloyth, xv s. Item an axe, a brandryth, a payrr of tongs, vj d. Item a wayn, a heyd ȝoke with cleops, viij s. Item ij. pluthe, ij. harros with geyr, vij s. Item wode on the helme, xij d. Item ij. oxon with ij. stotts, xlviij s. viij d. Item ij. mars with a colt stag, xxiiij s. Item iij. ky, ij. qwyes, a haflyng with iij. calfs, xl s. Item xviij. old schepe with xij. lambs, xxv s. Item iiij. swyne, iiij s. Item a coke, xx^tie hennes with ij. duks, ij s. iiij d. Item a wheyll, a payr of cards with a ston of wolle, v s. Item iiij. oxgang corn, iiij l. vj s. viij d. Summa totalis, xvj l. xiiij s. x d.

XII. TESTAMENTE RICHARDI TOLNSON.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 7 die mensis Maii, anno Domini, 1536, I Richard Tolnson, seke in body and hole of remembrance, doithe forme, order, and make my testament on thys maner and forme. Imprimis, I beqwethe my saulle unto Almyghty God and to his blessyd moder of mercye, our Lady Sanct Mary, and to all y^e holy company of hewyn, my body and my banes to be buryed in my paryche churche of Sanct Ellyn of Burton. I wyll yat my paryche churche haf all y^t ryght and dewties belongynge to yt. Also I make Annes my wyf and boithe my doghters, Margat and Esabell, executors of my guds moveable and unmoveable. Also yt ys my will y^t y^e fornamyd Annes my wyf to haf my hole fermehold after my decesse by y^e lysance of y^e lord, as longe as she levys, kepyng hyr wedowehedd, and doying hyr dewtye yerfore, as she ought to do; after the decesse of my wyf Esabell my doghter yonger to have my fermehold be y^e lysance of y^e lord. Also it ys my will y^t who soever doithe mary with the forsaid Esabell

sall pay or make to be paid unto Margatt my elder doighter x. marks of lawfull money of Yngland. Also yt ys my will yat ye forsaid Margat sall have hyr barn part of my gods hole thrught all yt I have, after ye decesse of my wyf. And yf yt please God to call Esabell my doghter unto his mercye, yen ye fermehold do remayn vnto Margatt my doghter; and yf yt please God to call yem bothe to his mercye, yen ye fermehold do remayn unto ye next of my name be ye lysance of ye lord. Item I wyll and beqwethe to Sir Edward Preston iij s. iiij d., and to Sir John Watson xij d., and what as my wyfe wyll mend hym with all. Also yt ys my wyll yat every prest hafe iiij d. of ye church. Supervisors, Randoll Preston, Thomas Warde, Nicoll Anderson, Symond Myddylton. Records, Edmond Tolnson, Roland Garlyk, Roland Wilson, Richerd Bakhows.

[Inventarii summa vj l. xvj s. viiij d. Summa debitorum xlij s. vj d.]

XIII. RICHARD THORPE.

In the name off God, soo be it. The fyrst day off September, the yere off or Lord M.ccccc.xxxvijth, I Richard Thorpe, hoyll off mynd, makes my testament and last wyll in maner and forme folowyng. Fyrst, I beqwheith my sowle to God and to our Lady Saint Marye and to all company off heven, and my body to be beyrred with in the churych erd off Sant Quintin in Kyrke Hamerton. Item to Janet my dowther my best kowe. Item the residew off my goods I beqwheit to my chylder, and to Briane my son and Thomas my son, to have the rewyll off my farmald, and to bryng up my chylder to thay come to thay can hellp thame seylfs. Thes witneses: John Man, Thomas Wylkynson, Wylliam Abbey, and Robert Wawyll.

XIV. TESTAMENT JOHANNIS FAWSED.*

I H S. In Dei nomine, Amen. In ye 3eyr of owyr Lord God M.ccccc.xxxvij., xxj. day of September, I John Fawcet, seyk in bode and of a hoyl rememerans, maks my last wyl in manor and forym folyng. I beqweth my sowyl to God, to owyr Lade, and to all ye Sancts in hewyn, and my bode to be berit in ye kyrk of Sanct Cudbert of Overkellet. Also I wyll yt Marget my wyf

* A very early Lancashire will, which is interesting for the simplicity of its arrangements, and also for its spelling and expressions.

hayf and ocupy my farymald duryng hir lyif, and to be y^e^ lese thair by y^e^ lysans of y^e^ lord. Also I wyl y^t^ Wat Culwen hayf all condecions and bargayns mad betweyn hym and me be truly performyt and keppyt, yf y^e^ forsed Wat cum and content and agre wyth y^e^ parteis qwych I had condeciant and bargent wyth as afor, y^t^ is to say, John, hym or his asenes, Thomas Lucas and Gyills Dryncail, in dischargyng of my suyrties of cehts (such) bonnds as thay be bunden in for me be indenture and obligacion, y^t^ is to say, John Barwyk and Robert Lucas, y^t^ they may be relessit and dischargit of y^e^ for sed bond, then yt is my wyll y^t^ Marget my wyf, John Barwyk, and Robert Lucas, hayf and ocupy both my farymold and my gudds, to y^e^ behoyf of my wyf and my chylder, and in dischargyng of y^e^ forsed bond at discrecion and lysans of y^e^ lord of y^e^ sed farymhold; also I wyll y^t^ Ezebel my dogher hayf x. marks of cheis guds as is at y^e^ howis, wyth pot, pan, bed of clois, and hir honestly arayit after hir degre; also at condecon y^t^ Rychard Wodwart bryng wyth hym one hors, pris of xx s. Also I beqwyth v s. to Sir Myils Wathman and Sir Wylliam Robynson, to syng halyf a tryntail of messis for y^e^ helth of my sawil, yf Sir Myils wyl cum to this kyrk to servys them; yf not, then a noder to hayf tham. Also I beqweth to y^e^ kyrk of Overkellet iij s. iiij d., so y^t^ I may hayf iiij. torchis to met me at y^e^ kyrkcros. Also I wyll y^t^ Marget my wyf be my hoyl exsecutor, to dispois my guds for y^e^ helth of my sawyl at hir discrecion. Also I wyll y^t^ Robert Lucas and Jamis Wathman be my supervisoris of my wyll, to se y^t^ it be performyt and fulfyllit. Wytnes heyr of, Georis Hestrigg, Rychard Deconson, John Blakburyn, and Edmunde Deconson, wyth oder mo.

XV. TESTAMENTUM ET INVENTARIUM BONORUM RADULPHI PAYCOK DE GRENTON. 1538.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In the yere of our Lord God M.ccccc.xxxviij^th^, the third day of December, I Raulfe Pacoke, hole of mynd and reason, makes my testament in this maner folowing. Firste I giff my sowle to Almighti God in heven, and to our Lady Saynt Mary and Saynt Andrew, and to all the Saynts in heven; my body to be buried in the church of Saynt Andrewe in Grynton; and I giff to the vicar iij s. iiij d. to pray for me, and to absolve me for all my trespaces done to hym in tymes paste. Item I giff to the parson and vicar xij d. for forgotten tythes. Item I gyff to Christofer Pacoke and Robert Pacoke, my sonnes, my hole farmehold after my descese, savyng my wiff

thirdes, and after my wiffes descese my ij. sonnes before named, Christofer and Robert, to enjoy the hole farmehold for ever. *The inventorie of my qweke goodes.*—Item imprimis, vj. kien, iij li. Item iij. whies, xxiiij s. Item ij. stirkes, viij s. viij d. Item xl. yewes, iiij. markes. Item xxxvj. wethers, vij nobles, ij s. viij d. Item xix. lammes, xviij s. Summa, x li. x s. viij d. *The inventorie of my dede goodes.*—Item inprimis, ij. stakkes of hay, xiij s. iiij d. Item in corne, iij s. iiij d. Item in howshold stoffe, xx s. Summa, xxxvj s. viij d. *Debts that ar awynge to me.*—Inprimis, John Spenslay, junior, and John Manglofer, vij s. iiij d. *Debts that I awe.*—Imprimis, to William Dawson, viij s. iiij d. Item to Adam Hakyn wif, iij s. Item to Christofer Arandall wiff iij s. iiij d. Item to Robert Pacoke, v s. iiij d. Item to Christofer Pacoke, xvij s. viij d. Item to Ladman wyff, xiiij s. Item George Wallar, vj s. viij d. Item I gyff to the churche ij. s. iiij d. Item to Sir William Dowson, viij d. Item to Sir Thomas Awbowrk, viij d. Item to the clark, xx d. Item my forth bryngyng drew *(sic)*, xl s. iiij d. Item I make my wiff and my sonnes my executors, to dispose and order all my goods, for the helth of my sowle, as they thynk best. Wytnesse hereof, Sir William Dowson, Ralfe Symson, Adam Hakyn, Thomas Metcalfe. Also I take apon my charge, as I will answer before God at the day of dome, that I never made writyng, nor never was of counsell, nor never spake to John, my son, of wrytyn makyng to this howre. William Robynson, Michell Hakyn, James Scott.

XVI. GENETT BROWN.

In the name of God, Amen. The xxix. day of November, yere of our Lord God M.ccccc.xxxix., I Genett Brown of Aysynby, wedow, makyth my last will or testament in maner and forme foloyng. Fyrst I gyff my soule to y^e^ marcy of God Allmyghtty, by y^e^ merytes of his blessed passyon, prayers of the gloryous Virgin our Lady Sanct Mary, and all the holy company of hewyn, and my body to be bered in the churche garthe of Santte Columbe in Topclyffe. Allso I wyll have *Dyryge* day of my beryall, with vj. prests. Allso I gyff to the hye alter vj d., to the Lady gylde iiij d. Allso I gyff to Sir Jhon Plumton iiij d. Allso I gyff to William Talear wyf, my dowthter, on vyolett kyrttyll, and on bus. rye. Allso I gyff to Henrye Brown, my servant, qwye, a rode of rye and on of my best powdar dowplars. Allso I gyff to Jhon Browne wyff ij. of my best kirchefes, to Alyson Browne, my dowghter, on kyrchiff. Allso I make myne

executor Jhon Browne, my son, and wyll y^{t} he shall have all the overplus of my godds and farmold fre, my detts payd, my funerall expences and legaces dyscharged. Wittnes and recordds hereof, Thomas Frost, William Ray, William Talear, and Sir John Plumton.

XVII. MAWLYVERER FRANCISCI TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xvij. day of Februarii, in the yere of our Lorde God M^{l}.d.xxxix., I Francis Mauleverer, off Allerton Mauleverer, gent.,* off holle mynde and good memorie, do make my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing. First, I bequyth and commend my soule into the hands of Almyghtie God, my Creator and Redemer, and my bodie to be buried within the parishe churche off Sanct Martyn, in Allerton afforsaid. Item I bequeth to my brother, Gilbert Mauleverer, a great franeid meire. Item I bequeth to Martyn Birnand ij s. Item I bequeth to y^{e} said (*sic*) Richerd Preston, my servant, a stoned stagg off ij. yers old. Item to Richard Preston my servant an holl quarters wage over and besides all condicions. Item I bequeth to Forster wyff of Allerton Mauleverer, iiij d. Item to Edward Nicholson of the same, iiij d. Item to William Clerke wyff of the same, iiij d. Item to Robert Wray of the same, iiij d. Item to Betonson wyff of the same, iiij d. Item to John Lyones, otherwysse called John Favell of Hopperton, iiij d. Item to John Watson of the same, iiij d. Item to Lawson wyff of the same, iiij d. Item to Margret Peirson of the same, iiij d. Item to William Haire of the same, iiij d. Item to Robert Saxton of the same, iiij d. Item to Nicholas (*blank*) of the same, iiij d. Item to John Watson of the same, iiij d. (*erased*). Item to William Pikerd off Clarton, iiij d. Item to Sir William Birnannd, prest, ij s. The residew of my goodds, my detts paid, my funerall expenses maid, and this my last will and testament well and truly executed and fulfilled, I bequeth and give to my neese, Mr^{es} Johan Mauleverer, whom I make my sole executrice; and my neve, Mr. Thomas Mauleverer, of Allerton afforsaid, Essquier, and my neese his wyff, to be supervisors of this my last will and testament, to se that my said goodds be ordred and disposid at their discrecions, which shal be most chefly to the honor of Almightie God. Thes witnesses, Mr. Thomas Ughtred, Sir William Birnand, preste, William Widows, Thomas Tone, and Richard Preston, with other moo.

* A younger son of Sir Thomas Mauleverer, of Allerton Mauleverer, by Elizabeth, daughter of John de la River of Bransby.

XVIII. TESTAMENTUM MRI. WANDISFORD OF KYRTLINTON.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The ij° daie of September, the yere of our Lord M.v°.xl^{ti}., I Christofer Wandisford,* of hole mynd and perfite remembraunce, makes this my last wyll and testament in manor and forme folowinge. Fyrst I committe my sowle to the mercy of God, my body to be buried within the parishe churche of Dancaster. I will that my former will take effecte in suche articles as concernith the proffetts of my yonger children. Also I ordeyne and make Anne my wyf, with John and Cristofer my yonger sonnes, my full executors, and if it please God that my sayd wyf be with a sonne, yf God send hym lyf, I joyne hym executor with his mother and his brethren. I will also that all suche implements as I receaved of my father, or suche other like, shall remane to Fraunces my eldest sonne, whiche implements be these—first xvj. oxen, xx. kyen and one bull, xj^{xx}. shepe, xij. sylver spones, with ij. sylver salts. The residue of my goods, my funerall expenses mayd and detts payd, I gyfe to my wife and my executors, whome I wyll shall have the full order of my sayd goods, for the helth of my sowle. These wytnesses, Sir Roger Lassels knight, Sir William Hunter, Cristofer Hagstones, Sir Roger Hobson, prest, with other moo.

XIX. MARGERY ROKEBYE TESTAMENTUM DE YAFFORTHE.

In nomine Dei, I Margery Rokeby of Yafford, wedoo,† hoole of mynde, blyssyde be Jesu, thys xxvijth. day of September, in the yere of owre Lord God a thousand fyve hundredth and fortye, do make thys my laiste wylle and testament as hereafter folowyth. Fyrste, I bequyth my sowle to our Savyour Chryst Jhesu, to the merytts of his blyssyd passyon, to the blyssyd and gloryous Virgen hys mother our Ladye Saynt Mary, and to the gloryous compenye of heven, wyllyng my myserable bodye to be buryed within the chapell of Yafford, affore the blyssyd sacrament, whereonto I bequeth twenty shyllyngs; also I wyll theyr be yevyn, in the stede of my mortuary, ten shyllyngs, and to my paryche churche,

* Christopher Wandesford, of Kirklington, esq., married Anne, daughter of Sir John Norton, of Norton, knight, and left by her a large family. The will and inventory of his son Francis will be found hereafter, with other notices of the family.

† Margaret, eldest daughter and co-heir of Ralph or Robert Danby, of Yafford, esq., who was slain at Bosworth Field, by a daughter of Sir Richard Conyers, knight, and relict of Ralph Rokeby, of Mortham, esq., by whom she left a numerous family. After her husband's death she appears to have retired, *more antiquo*, to her father's halls, but her will shows that she had not forgotten her quiet home on the banks of the Greta. The inventory of her eldest son, Thomas Rokeby, will be given afterwards.

for tythes forgotten, sex shyllyngs eyght pence; also I bequeth to Rokeby churche, for tythes forgotten, and for y^e^ especyall prayers, ten shyllyngs. Also I wyll that theyr be delte, the day of my buryall, to everye prest beyng at my sayd buriall, viij d., and to everye scholer, that can say *Direge* for my sowle, ij d., and to everye poore bodye, j d. Also I bequethe to Margery Menvell twonty markes, for her dilegent servyce don to me; also I bequethe and wyll that my executors shall delyver to my son Rayffe twonty marks, wych belong unto hym as hys chylde parte of hys father goods, wych cam into my hands after the dethe of my howsban. Also I bequethe to my said sone Raife sex of my best sylver spones, my flatte sylver pece, my best fether bede and my beste coveryng. Also I bequeth to my son in lawe Mr. John Scrope a ryng of gold, and to my dowghter hys bedfellowe one payr of corall bedes. Also I bequeth to my son Thomas Rokeby my crosse of gold and my best horse, and to hys bedfellow my best dyaper bord cloth, two towells and a cowbert clothe. Also I bequeth to my son, Doctor, two mayres, two sylver spones, that my mother dyd yeve hym, also fowre of the best of the rest of my sylver spones. Also I bequeth to my son Rychard my best sylver salte and sex sylver spones, also I bequeth to my son Henry Rokeby my other sylver salte and sex selver spones. Also I bequeth to John Schotte, my servant, three pounds sex shylyngs and eyght pence. Also I wyll that my servant Thomas Baynbryg* shall have and eneycye my farmehold at Gylmonteby, and the tennant ryght of the same, and to Bernard Newton a mayr and a fole, and to everye of my men servants a twynter stott, and to everye one of my women servants, dwellyng within my howse, a whye of iij yeres hold, and to Crystofer Rokeby my carvyd cupbert and my standyng carvyd bed, my ledes and my mashefatts, and to Raufe hys brother fyve marks, and to Margaret Thoresby my best brasse pott, and to Wylliam her son a colte or a filie, and to Henry Scrope my cosyn a colt or a mayr, and to Roger Toketts a colt or a mare, also to my suster Elynnor Warcop a gowne, kyrtyll, and hatt, and to John Dyxson thelder my best oxe. Also to my dowghter Jane Toketts a ryng and the halfe of syche stuffe that ys within my blake coffer, and the other halfe to Magery Menvell, and to Maud Peghyng my worst gown, kyrtyll, and petycot. Also I will my beys to be devydyd in two parties, th'one part to be delyveryd to Margaret Thorseby and Margery Menvell, and the ryst to be delyveryd to the prest of the chapell of Yafford, to th'intent that he shall thayrwith fynd lyght affore the sacrament; also to Sir William Rose, prest, syx shyllyngs

* See his will hereafter.

eyght pence, to pray for me. Also I wyll that all my sons and dowghters have yche one of thaym at my buryall a blake gowne, and that sex pore men shall have sex white gownes. Further I wyll and make the supervisor of thys my last wyll and testament my son Thomas, and do ordeigne and maike my executores my sons John, Doctor,* Rychard, Henry, and Rayffe, upon suche condicion that yf eny of my sayd executors do eny acte or thyng, or procure eny matter, wherby thys my last wyll can not be performyd, or eny devyse contenyd within thissame, then I wyll that frome thenfurth he or thay y^{t} so dothe shall lefe the nayme and power of my executor, and fro that tyme furth shall no more intermedle with my other executors, and y^{t} my other executors, not so offendyng, may take from hym all suche goods as affore ys come in to hys hands as executor, and to performe thys my last wyll with all, anythyng byfore expressyd to the contrary not withstandyng. Allso . . . . all and yf yt please God to call me to hys mercy after the feast of Saynt Martin in wynter, that my howse shall stylbe kept by my said executors, of thayr propre costes shall plowg and saw the sayme, to the use of my sayd son Thomas all my corne growing uppon my grownd at the day of my dethe; also I wyll that and yf that my ware corne be not sowyn, yt then my be eqally devydyd emongs my said executors. In wytnes whereof I have setto my seall, the yere and day above wrytten. I bequeth to Rokeby chyrch quere beldyng fyve marks. I bequeth also to Margery Menvell al my hekels and a chaffer and sex bonds of lyne. I bequeth to Jane Fene a payr of shetts, a payr of blankets, and a coverlet. I bequeth to Wylliam Worlton ten yoews. I bequeth to every wyffe of Yafford a kertshowe. I bequeth also to every wyffe in Rokeby a kertshowe. Wytnesses here of, Thomas Rokeby, Rychard Rokeby, Harre Rokeby, Robert Newton, prest, and John Dyxson, with other mo.

XX. METCALF JOHANNIS ARMIGERI TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In the yere of our Lord God M.d.xlj. I Jhon Metcalfe, of the manore or hospitall of Sancte Nicolas besides Rychmond,† gentleman, hole of mynd and good memory, ordenithe and makithe this my last will in maner and forme folowinge. Fryste, I bequethe my soul unto Almightie God, our

* "John Rokeby, Doctor of y^{e} Civill Law."—Glover's Vis. 1585.

† The hospital of St. Nicholas had a few years before been dissolved by the Act of 27 Hen. VIII., and the testator, cousin, as he informs us in his will, to Christopher Metcalfe, of Nappay, esq., the head of his most numerous house or clan, appears to have become its tenant under the Crown. The hospital and its estates remained in the Crown till the year 1585.

Lady Sancte Mary, and to all ye celestiall company of heven, and my body to be buried in the parysshe churche of Richmond, besydes my fyrst wife, when God pleasithe. Also I give and bequethe unto the kyrke warke and reparacions of the churche of Richmond xxvj s. viij d. Also I give unto Margaret Hawxwell, towards her marriage, if yt she gide her well and honestly after good demenore, iij li. Also I give and bequethe unto Jhon Conyers, whiche I have broughte up of a childe, to help to bring hym a good service, xl s. Item I give unto Isabell Conyers, his syster, xiij s. iiij d. Also I give Askrige churche a silke coope, whiche I have in store and redye to deliver. Also I give to Sir Christopher Truwhaite, to sing for my soule in Richmond churche by the space of one hole yere, iiij li. vj s. viij d. Also I give unto my cosyne Christofer Metcalfe of Nappay, Esquier, a ringe of gold, for a token of kindnes betwen him and me. Also I give to my sone Rafe Pollard a silver girdle well gilted, for a loving remembrannce. Also I give unto my cosine Marmaduke Metcalfe a satten doblet or a gown. Also to Leonard Metcalfe a gold ringe, for a remembrannce. Also I make surveyor of this my last will Master Richard Bowis, Squier, to se thes my legacies performed, for whos paines I do give hime xx s. And I make my exequitors Lucye Metcalfe my wyfe, and Lancelot Hesselrige her sone, so that they both jointle shall have and occupe all my goods moveable and unmoveable, performing my legaces and to dispose for my soule as they thinke best for ther discharge and myne also. And they to se for me at my buriall to be honestle brought furthe, with all funerall expences and all expences of meat and drinke to be made and doin at my buriall to be honestle doin, bothe at the churche and at my said howse and manor.

This is the INVENTORYE of all the goods moveable and unmoveable, with all other possessions, of Mr. John Metcalf, Esquier, disceased, prasede by thes iiij. indeferent men, Charles Jonsone, Richerde Nicolsone, Lancelote Jonsone, and John Moyse3.

Inprimis, xxti acres of wheate at hospitale of Sancte Nicholes and xxti acres of haver, ix li. Item at Melsonbye xviij. acres of wheate and rye and xviijth. acres of haver, vij li. Item xxiiij. oxen, xv li. Item lx. kuyen and two bulls, xxx li. Item xlti. heade of yonge neyte of ij. years olde, xvj li. Item at Braythwhayte ten score wedders, iij. score yowes, and fyve score hoggs, xxxiiij li. Item as many unc3 of playte as commythe to lx li., lx li. Item v. fether beds, with all the clothis belonginge therto, and vij. mattressis, with the clothis belonginge therto, viij li. x s. Item x. brasen potts and ij. garnishe puder of wessell, iij. lattin basings, and iij. pudor, iij li. Item xiij. candilsticks, iiij. iron racks, and iij. speyts, a brasen morter, and an other lesser, xxvj s. viij d.

Item a bruenge leade, iij. caldrons, iij. gret panns & iij. lesser panns, xxvj s. viij d. Item ij. cownters, iij. flawnders chists, ij. cupbords and viijth fether quyshings, xl s. Item iij. iron bounde wayns, with all the implements belonginge therto, xl s. Item iiij. mears, iij. staggs, and ij. riden horse, viij li. Item at Saynte Nycholes, viijth score wedders, iiij. score yowes, & iij. score hoggs, xxix li. Item at Melsonbye v. score shepe, hande over heade, & xiiij., viij li. Item viij. swyne, xiij s. iiij. d. Item viij. styrks, xxxiij s. iiij d. Summa cc.xxxvj li. x s.

XXI. MORLAY FRANCISCI DE MELLING TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In the yere of our Lorde God a thousande fye hundreth and fourtye and on the sevente day of Aprill, I Francis Merley, Esquier, seke in bodye and perfite of remembrannce, maks this my last will and testament in maner and forme followyng. First, I bequethe my saule to Allmyghtie God, our Laidy Saynt Marye, and to all the celestiall company in heven, my body to be bured in the churche of Saynt Wilfride of Mellyng. Also I make Mary my wif and hur children my hole executors of all my goodds moveable and unmoveable, and they to pay and discharge my lawfull detts and bequethes, as they will answhere affore God at the day of judgement. Also I will that what goodds as may be spared of my parte, my detts, bequethes, and funerall expences discharged, that the residew therof be putt to the use and furtherannce towarde the marreage of Jane my doughter. Also I bequethe to Thomas my son and heire two stotts able to drawe, and he to be good to my said wif and his brethren. Also I will that Elsabethe my doughter have hur childe parte of goodde as it comes unto. Also I bequethe to the reparacion of and annournenament of the qwere of Saynt Katryne in Mellyng churche vj s. viij d., with a westment of blakke chamlett, albe, stole and fannell, therto belongyng. Also I will that all suche lands, which I have geffen unto my younger sones by dede of gifte in annuyties for . . . . . .

XXII. ROGER PELE, PARSON OF DALTON IN FURNES.

In INVENTORIE of all suche Goods and Catalls as were laitly ROGER PELES, parson of Dalton in Furnes,* nowe discessed, made and indentyd the xxiiijth day of May, in the yere of our Lord God M.ccccc.xlj^{li}, before Sir Cristofer Bolton deayn of Furnes, and prased by the holydome othes of Alexander Banks, Edwarde

* The last abbot of Furness—made abbot circa 1532; resigned 5 April, 28 Hen. VIII.; became rector of Dalton, 29 Hen. VIII.—Cf. "Annales Furnessienses."

Pele, John Bolton and Thomas Walsheman. Inprimis, one bruyng leade, price v s. Item ij. bruyng fatts, price xviij d. Item one brasse possenett, price ij s. iiij d. Item one panne, price xvj d. Item viij. doblers, price iiij s. Item v. disshes, price xx d. Item iiij. sawcers, price viij d. Item one salt seller of tynne, iij d. Item ij. lityll candilstyks of brasse, price vj d. Item one andyren, price ix d. Item ij. tryppetts, price xij d. Item one yren speit, price x d. Item raken crokes, price vj d. Item one pare of tongs, price vj d. Item one fyre shole, price iij d. Item one frying panne, price xij d. Item one cresshett, price vj d. Item two stands, price iij d. Item one table cloth of lynne, price xx d. Item one table cloth of harden, price iiij d. Item one table cloth of dyaper, price iiij d. Item one almerye, price iij s. iiij d. Item two saltyng fatts, price x d. Item a lytyll brase morter with one yren pestyll, price x d. Item one pewter basen with an ewer, price xvj d. Item one lytyll tynne cuppe, price vj. d. Item one countter, price v s. Item one short carpett for the same, xx d. Item iiij. qwysshens, price ij. s. Item iiij chayres, price xvj d. Item ij. formes and one stoile, price iij d. Item one cheist, price iij s. iiij d. Item hangyngs of sey for on bed, price ij s. Item one pyllow, price xx d. Item one paire of fustian blanketts, price x s. viij d. Item one whyte qwhylte, price ij s. Item one coveryng of one bede, price xij s. Item iij. pyllowbers, xij d. Item ij. mattresses, price ij s. viij d. Item ij. fether bedds, price xiij s. iiij d. Item one boster, price xij d. Item one coveryng of a bedde, price iij s. iiij d. Item ij. coverletts, price ij s. Item parre of blankketts, price viij d. Item vij. shetts of lynne cloth, price xij s. Item ij. parre of course shets, price iij s. Item one doble shete, price iij s. Item one course shete, price viij d. Item ij. axis and one womble, price x d. Item iij. parre of bedstoks, price xij s. Item one geldyng, price xxxiij s. iiij d. Item one nag, price xvj s. Item one gyrdyren, price vj. d. Item one small pyllow, price j d. Item ij. lyttyll pannes, price viij d. Item iiij. table napkyns, price ij d. Item ij towells, price iiij d. Item one hode of damaske, price xij d. Item one typpett of cercenett, price xx d. Item xj. quarters and one of byg, price iij li. xvj s. viij d. Item v. quarters and on halfe of otts, price xxv s. viij d. Item one quarter and halfe a busshell of malt, price vij s. vij d. Item v. busshells and one halfe of byg, price iiij s. vij d. Item iiij. carre full of stray, iiij d. Item one carre full of turfs, price ij d. Item one velvett nyght cappe, iij. s. Item stray solde, price xxi d. Item in money left in hys purse iiij s. vj d Summa xv li. ij s. iiij d. Theis parcells hereafter foloyng coulde not be prased because the prasers coulde have no vew nor syght therof. Inprimis, one fyne blake gowne, one chamelett jakett, on worsted jakett, one chamelett

doblet, one worsted doblet, one parre of hosen and one cappe, whyche ar in the kepyng of Thomas Kendell. Item at Whytyame, one fether bede, one coveryng, one parre of blanketts, hangyngs for the same, and one cheist. Item in the kepyng of William Sands, gentylman, one bede of downe and one boster for the same. *Theis ar the detts awyng unto the seid Roger.* Fyrste, of my lorde Mounttegle of lent money, xxiij li. ij s. vj d. Item of Marmaduke Bradeley of Rippon, lent money, xx li. Item of Margarett, lait wyfe of William Lancaster, for on crucifix of golde, price x li.; ij. flagens of sylver, price xix li. v s. with other peses of sylver of rignes, price x li., in toto xxxix li. v s. Item of James Huntter, iij li. vj s. viij d. Item of Barnet Rychardson, x s. Item of John Standisshe and hys wyfe of Lancaster, for on plege to them delyvered, xx s. Item of James Brathwayt, son of William Brathwayt, iij s. Item of Elsabeth Pele, doughter of John Pele, iij s. ix d. Summa, lxxxvij li. x s. xi d. *Theis ar the detts whyche the seid Roger dyd awe.* Imprimis, to Richard Holand of Cokarmouth, xx li. Item to Syr Henry Farryngton, iiij li. Item to Geffray Chamber, xx s. Item to Thomas Kendall, iij li. ij s. x d. Item to Agnes Richardson, xx s. Item Evane Barwyke, xl s. Item to Thomas Jaksone of Myllome, xv s. Item to Laurence Gybson, xx s. Item to William Ascowe, xxvj s. iij d. Item to the lait wyffe of John Hyrde, x s. Summa, xxxiij li. x s. j d.

XXIII. THOMAS ALLANSON.

Thomas Allanson. 29 June, 1541. To be buryed in the churche pourche of the parochyng of our blessed Lady and of All Hallous of Cundall; for forgotyn tythes, xx d. Also I bequythe to hy altar for wax to kepe. . . . I bequythe to Cundall churche a black vestyment with the . . . To the same churche on cope, and it for to be kepyd in the hands of my executors.—To Sir Willyam Sarganson, clerk, xij d. To Sir Willyam Browne, clerk, xij d. To Sir Rychard of Dysforthe, viij d. To Sir Rychard of Marton, viij d.

XXIV. WALLER HENRICI TESTAMENTUM.*

In the naym of Gode, Amen. In the ȝere of our Lord M°.ccccc.xlj. and iiijth day of Julii, I Henry Wallar sey . . . . .

* An early and curious Richmond Will, which is valuable for its singular language and spelling, and at the same time interesting for its bequests to charitable purposes.

hole in mynd and good of memory, makes my last wyll and testament in thys maner foloyng. Furst, I gyf my sol onto God Almyghtyc and to our Lady Saynt Mary, and to all the Sayntts in heven, and my body to be buryed in the churche of our Lady in Rychmond, quare my frends thynks best. Item I gyf for my mortuary accordyng to the law. Item I wyll have messe and *Deryg* song for my sol, on my beryall day, and for that doyng I gyf to every gyld prest of thys town, vj d. y^{t} ar at my beryall, and to every scolar of thys town that can syng, j d. Item I gyf xx s. to be delt in bred the day of my beryall, as my frends thynks best. Item I gyf for thets and oblacions forgottyn . . . . Item I gyf to Rauf Vallar on tawne jaket or on blak. Item I gyf my better hows burg land behynt Frers,* with all thyngs belongyng yt, onto my wyf Esabell, as long as sche leveth and keps hyr wydow; and after hyr deth I gyf yt onto my sonn Thomas, to hym and to hys hare of hys body lawfully begottyn for ever moyr, and yf my wyf mare I wyll my son Thomas schall enter to the hows, as sown as sche makes any contrak of mony with ony mân, and sche to repayre the hows substancyally as long sche hath yt. of hyr propar costs. Item I gyf my lesse hows behynt Frers onto my doghter Aleson as long sche leveth, and after hyr deth yt to go to my sone Thomas and to hys hares of hys body lawfulle begottyn for ever, and, yf tha both dye without essue of thar bodys lawfully begottyn, I wyll my howses both go with all thyngs belongyng them to fynd on obet ȝeyrly to be song in Rychmond church for my sol, my wyf sol, and all crystyn sols, for ever moyre; and I put the churche wardons of Rychmond ever to se yt be ȝerly substancyally down, and tha to offer the heyd messe j d., and to resave vij d. of yt, and to [every] prest of thys town iiij d., and paroch prest viij d. Item I gyf to my wyf Esabell all my tenand ryght of my hows I dwell in . . . . as long as sche leveth. Item I gyf to Nicoles Wallar on blak cowte and on payr of violet hoes. Item I gyf to John Dent on buksk . . . . . and on payre of hoes. Item I gyf to Wylliam Ranaldson on blak cotte and on payr of hoes. Item to Rauf Wallar j. jaket and j. payr of . . . . Item I gyf to Jakson on payr of hoes and to hys wyf on payr of sleves. Item I gyf to the churche warks and for my labed† vj s. viij d. Item I gyf to Ellyng Wallar v s. iiij d. to on kyrtyll. Item I gyf my doghter Aleson v. marks in mone and oder stuf qwen sche maryes . . . . . y^{t} she hath. Item I gyf to Elsabet Wallar vj s. viij d., iiij. coverletts, ij. brase potts, ij. kettylls, iij. hardynschetts, iiij. pey . . . . . , on kow, on mattres. The

* The lately-dissolved monastery of the Gray Friars in the immediate suburbs of Richmond.

† This is the first time that we find this word used for lairestall.

resydew—I gyf onto my wyf Esabell and Tomas my son, qwm I ordan and makes my executors, and I desyer Alan Akryk, Rychard Smyth, and Nicoles Wallar to be the supervisors of this my last wyll to see yt be fulfyllyd, and I gyf every on of them xij d. Wettenes heyr of, Sir John Brocolls, parech prest, Alan Akryk, Wylliam Wylamson, with oder moye, the day and the ȝeyr aforsayd.

XXV. LASYNBY THOMÆ DE WHYTWELL 'GYNTYLMAN' TESTAMENTUM.

In the nayme of God, Amen. The xxvjth day of the monthe of Auguste, in the ȝere of oure Lorde God a thousand fyffe hundrethe and xlj., I Thomas Lasynbe of Qwhytwyll, gyntylman, beyng of hoyll mynde, and in perfytte rememberanc, nott wyllyng to dye intestate, beyng in frequentt payns wyth desese and infyrmyte, feryng deyth to insew apon the saym, wherefore in the helthe of my soyll I hordand thys my prescentt testamentt contenyng in ytt my trew and laste wyll in maner and forme foloyng. Fyrste and pryncypally, above all erthly thyngs, I gyff and beqwythe my soyll onto Allmyghty God, and to owre Lady, and to all the celestyall company of hevyn, and my corporall bodye to be buryed in the churche of Allhallows att Bolton of Swayll. Also I gyff onto the hye halter, iij s. iiij d. Also I gyff unto Elsabethe my wyffe for hyr festmentt, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Also I gyff onto Jorge my son, and to Jayms my soyn, and to ader of thaym, xl s. by ȝere for the terme of thayre lyfys, to be payde forthe of Lanckton more. Also I gyff unto John Lasynbe, my soyn soyn, ij. kye. Also I gyff unto Thomas hys broder, ij. kye. Also I gyff unto my doughter Elsabethe, and to hyr chylder, ij. kye, and unto Jhon Kyrke oon cow, and to my syster Ann oon qwhy. The resedew—I gyff untto my wyffe and chylder. Also I hordan and make my iij. sonn Christofer, Jhorge, Jamys, myn executors, and my broder in law Thomas Foultorpe to be supervisor of my wyll. Wyttnesses heyre of, Sir Robarte Tomson the curate, Sir Antony Metcalfe, Peter Fultrope, and Jhon Askqwyth, wyth dyverys oder.

XXVI. DOMINI EDMUNDI CHARDER PRESBITERI TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In the yere of owr Lorde Gode, M.ccccc.xlij. I Sir Edmunde Charder, preyste, wythein the parysheynge of Grynton in Swodayle.—Fyrste, I geve my soule unto Gode Allmyghtye, and owr blessyde Ladye, and to all the holy company of hevyn, and my body to be buryede in the churche yerde of Grynton in Swodayle, wat tyme ytt shall pleysse

Gode to call me unto hys mayrsye. As consernyng the order of my goods, wyche ys nòt in my hands and in my hands also, I put ytt holy unto the order of John Charder, my brother son, whome I mayke my sole executor, for to demaunde, tayke, clame, and order for the heylthe of my soulle and proffett of my freyndes, accordyng to the forme folouyng of thys my laste wyll. Fyrste, for the bryngyng fourthe of my bodye to the buryall, I wyll my sayde executor do order xiij s. iiij d. as he thynks moste covenyente. Allso I wyll that thar be one tryntall of messes doyne by Sir Wylliam Crofton, and Sir Thomas Hawbrawr, for the heylthe of my soulle. Allso I bequyeth unto my brother Olyver Carter one lyttyll meyre, wyche I have now. Allso I bequyet to Crystofer Sargenson xij d., to Robert Dyconson xij d., to Thomas Coplannde xij d., to Robert Paycoke xij d., to John Hyllary xij d., to my brother sons Jefferaye and Wylliam Charder ij s. Allso John Closse, my syster son, or hys mynysters, ys howynge unto me xj li. vj s. viij d. Allso Thomas Geyrge ys hawyng to me xj s. iij d. In wytnes hereof Sir James Tayllyor, the paryshe preste, Wylliam Dowson, whome I desyer to be the supervysor of thys my laste wyll, and Olyver Carver, wythe other, wherfor I gyve to the sayd Wylliam Dowson, for hys payns, xj s. iij d., nowe in the hands of Thomas Geyrge.

XXVII. LYNSCAILL ISABEL DE STANWIGG TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xi. day of October, the yere of owre Lorde a thowsand fyve hundreth and xlij., I Izabel Lynschall—to be buryed in the church of Sanct John Baptyst de Stanwyx, in the sowthe parte, nere the grave of . . . . . Lynschall my husband departeyd. I bequethe to every preyste beyng at *Dyrygе* of my buryal iiij d., and every scoler a j d. Item I dyd gyve iiij s. to Sir . . . . . Leyfchyld, Laydy prest at Sanct Johnis, to syng for me and Wylliam Lynschall one yere. Item I bequethe to Michael Blaydys a cowe. Item I bequethe to . . . . . schall my son a cowe. Item I bequethe to Wylliam Ottrynton a cowe. Item I bequethe to Antony Lynschall, the son of Antony Lynschall, a cowe. Item . . . . . to Robert Lynschall, Bryene Smythson, Antony Lynschall, the son of Antony Lynschall, Wylliam Ottryngton, ... of thes aforesayd iiij. awlde yowys. Item I bequethe to Janet my dowghter my best gowne and my best kyrtley. Item I bequethe to Allyson my doughter, ... gowne, and a kyrtley of brood clothe. Item I bequeathe to Allyson Ottrynton my blew gowne, and a kyrtley. Item I bequethe my blake bonnet to my doughter Janet, my blak hatte to Alyson my dowghter,

my sanguene cappe to Alyson Ottrynton, and also my bedde as I lye with the clothes. Item I bequethe to Wylliam Ottrynton a baskeytt of viij. beyschellys, and a maskyne tubbe of vij. beyschellys. Item I bequethe to Alyson Smythson a bowttyng tonne, a saye, the greyte cawledrone, the lesce panne, my ambre, a fawldyn bowrde, and a bowrde to lay cheys one. Item I bequethe to Alyson Ottrynton a lesce cawldrone, a . . . . . panne, and a myllyn pott with a clowte. Resydew to Robert Lynschall, Antony Lynschall, Bryene Smythson, that thay may ordeine and dysposce thereof onto the . . . . . and the heylth of my salle, as yt shalbe thowght good to yame, and to pleyse God. And thes same Robert, Antony, and Bryene, I ordenne, make, and constytuyt my executors. Wytnesys whereof, Sir Roger Horsman, Ste . . . Leyfchyld, Edward Pycryng, with other moe.

In INVENTORY may the xxix day of January, in the yere of oure Lorde M.d.xlij. of all and syngular goodys movable and unmovable of Izabell Lynschall laytly departtyd, prasyd to the valoe, by indifferent men, whos namys be thes, John Bolleron, Robert Barker, Thomas Robynson, and Robert Halle.

Inprimys, foure kye with there cauvys, liij s. iiij d. Item xij. lammys, xij s. Item xviij. olde yowys, xx s. Item one styrk, v s. Item all nappery ware, as kyrcherys, appurnys, blankytts, shetys, coverletts, and sych other, xxviij s. Item one coverlet, v s. Item tubbys, baskets, bordys, and cheysts, iiij s. Item a ambre and two pannys, iij s. Item a panne and a saye, viij d. Item hyr furth bryngyng, xxviij s. Item a gowne and a kyrtle, xiij s. iiij d. Item a hatte, xvj d. Item a other gowne and a kyrtle, x s. Item iij l. in money. Item the bequethe to Mylnen and his wyffe, ix s. Totall somme, xij li. xij s. viij d.

XXVIII. PERESON EDMUND "TANNERE" TESTAMENT AND INVENTORY.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xxjth daye off Decembre, in the yere off oure Lorde Gode a thousande fyv hundrethe forty and two, I Edmunde Persone, off the parishynge off Bethome, tannere, hole of mynde and off gud remembrance, seke and craiysed . . . and wote not when God will call me to his mercye, maketh my laste wylle and testamente in maner and fourme folowyng. Fyrst, I gyve and bewhethithe my sowle unto Allmyghty God and to oure blessid Ladye Saynte Marye, and to all the holy company off hevyn, and my body to be buried within my parishe churche of Bethome, before the ymage of our Ladye. Also it is my wylle that the said churche shall have all it duties accustomede. Item I gyve and bewheth mye hole tityll and tenandright off my howse and farmehold

with all the appurtenannce thereto belongynge in Wyderslakke, aftere my decesse, unto Thomas Borowe, sone unto my doughter Mabelle, with my barkhowse and the instruments therto belongynge. Also I wyll that Edwarde Borowe, brothere to the saide Thomas, have his fathers place lying at the Storthe, with the licence off the lorde, after the decesse off my saide doughter Mabell. Also it is my wyll that suche a sowme off goods as I have named unto Sir Richard Dykonson, vicare of the said Bethome, Sir Henry Ayraye, Richard Bradegate, Walter Kendalle, and Edwarde Symson, shal be geven unto a stokke at my saide parishe church, towarde the fyndynge off a preste for to teche a free scole, and to praye for my sawle and all cristen sawles. Also it is my wyll that iiij. nowbills of the sayd sowme shal be gevyn to praye for my sonnes saule, Miles Persone, and other iiij. nowbills off ye same sowme, to be for the saule off Robert Newbye to be prayed for also. Also it is myc wyll to make the cost off the mason warke to the supportacione and makynge of a brigge at the end off Milnthorpe. Also I gyve to the mendynge of the cawsere betwix Synderberraye and . . wbrige . . . . Also I gyve unto the mendynge of the gutture in Melord channcelle, vj s. viij d. Also it is my wylle . . . . siche guds as I have gevyne to a stoke to ye fyndynge of a preste at the chapell of our Lady on ye . . . . . in ye Widerslake, shall remayn to the same porpose for ever. Also I ordeyne and makethe my right . . . full ladye Anne Aeshton, Petere Crosfeld, and Waltere Kendalle my hole executors, and Edward . . . —all the reste off my goodes that doth remayne from . . . . whethes and gifts shalbe disposed at the sight and discretione of my said executors, for the helth of my sawle. Also I wylle that the saide Edward Symson and Thomas Borowe resave the sayd sowme gevyn to . . . . stok at Bethome by me and shall receyve it at my hande and be orderers and as heds for me and latters furth of the same, as is more largely shewed in a writynge berenge date herofe. Item I make John Martyndalle . . . . . Masborowe, the supervisors of this my last will and testament, to se yt it be well and truly fulfilled and kepid . . . true intent. The witnesse heroff, Sire Richarde Dekonson, Sir Henry Ayraye, Richard Bradegate, with other mo, and specially William Peper and Thomas Grubye.

This is ye INVENTARYE of the goods of Edmunde Peresone of Widerslake, latlye decessed, on whose saule God have mercye, seyne and prised by John Matyndalle, Thomas Peper, William Peper, and Thomas Grubye, on the iiijth daye of Januarye in the xxxiiijth yere of the reygne of Kynge Henrye the viijth. Fyrst, so many sheipe olde and ȝinge as cometh to ye valew of v. marks. And by farther knawlege we fynd mo yt cometh to the valew of xiij s. iiij d. Also we fynde shepe of ane other . . . . to ye valew

of xiij s. iiij d. Also we have seyn such beddyng and insyght as was in the howse and an olde horse y^{t} cometh to y^{e} valew of xxxiij s. iiij d. Also so muche ledes in the lymme pytts as draweth xix. marks, vj s. viij d. *Debeta quæ ei debentur.* Primis, Maistres Curwen, when sche was widow at Hampfell, xl s. Item Jamis Robynson of Crostewhat, xlv s. Item Mils Symkynson, xxxv s. viij d., and my will is y^{t} he be easelye dalte with all. Item William Crosfelde, vj s. viij d. Thomas Banke, xiij s. Edwarde Kylners wyf, iiij s. Rycharde Baysbrown, ij s. viij d. Gylbert Kylners wif, ij s. Miles Deconson, xxv s. Henrye Sherman, v s. iiij d., which he tok up at Manchester. Nycolas Crathorn, v s., whiche the saide Henry Sherman toke up. Thomas Browne, xix s. viij d. Miles Knype, xij s. George Mason of Dent, xxviij s. iiij d. Leonarde Waller, xl s. James Striclande, iij s. One Bore of Loncaster, vj s. viij d. Also their was spendyde at his buryall, to y^{e} churche dutye, to the prests and clarkes, and for the dynere, xl s. Also y^{e} expenses at was made in his howse, while he layde, and at his wawke, xvj s., whiche the saide Edmunde saide shulde be paide with his awn gudes. Also vj s. viij d. to Jenette Loremere late his servante.

XXIX. THOMÆ WALKER DE BEDALL DEFUNCTI TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xij. dai of the moneth of Jenuarii, in the yere of our Lorde Gode M.cccc.xlij. I, Thomas Walker of Bedaill, beyng of holl mynd and memorie in Almighti Gode, declareth and maketh this my last wyll and present testament in maner folowyng. First, I bequeth and gyve my soull to God Almighti, our blissed Lady Sanct Mari, the mother of mercy, and to all th'olly company of hewen, and my body to be buried within the church of my patron Sanct Gregori of Bedaill, afoer our Lady auter. Item I bequeth and giveth to the hy auter, for forgotten tithes, xvj d. Item I bequeth and giveth for my mortuari, accordyng to the statut maid by the acte of the perlament. Item I bequeth and giveth to the churchwarke, xx d. Item I bequeth and giveth xij d. to by a corporax to our Lady auter. Item I wyll that the summ of vj li. xiij s. iiij d. continew and remayng in my sonne in law Johan Taubott hands, as it dyd in myn, the which summ was bequeth and givyng by my father Christofer Walker, in his last wyll and testament, for this entent, that the said summ of money shuld manteyng and uphold God serves to the tyme that the xx^{ti}iiij. can provyd a nobyll fre land, to be bought to make an obet with of Sanct Marke day, iij s. iiij d., and to the gylds at the fest of Sanct Martyng in wynter, iij s. iiij d., and

the covenauntes of the said lande to remayng to myn executores, and the xx^{ti}iiij. to gaive a stait in it, to the use of the said will, so long as the gylds and the obet is upholdyng. And if it be that the said Johan Tawbott do not occupy fulfyll and pai the said vj s. viij d. yerly to uphold and manteyng the said obet and the gilds, then I will that the said Johan shall forfet, render, and pai th'oll summ of vj li. xiij s. iiij d. to myn executores, which shalbe my wyf, my sonne Gregori, Esybell, Jene, and Anne my doughters. Item I will that my sonne in law Johan Mawtus haiv his v. marks at Sanct Peter dai ad vincula, callyd Lames dai next ensewyng, which is behynde a parte of pament of my doughter Elsabeth mariege goode. And also I wyll that my childeryng partes remayng with their mother, to Gregori cum to the aege of xxj^{ti}. yeres, and my doughters to such tym they mai cum to marieges, and my sonne Gregori to haive the good will of my farmehold after me and my wif. Item I will that *Placebo* and *Dirige*, and an obet mess to be song for the helt of my soull, and all christen soulls, at my dyeng day, and every prest iiij d. Item I will that v. torches be hade and borne befoer me to the churche. Item I make my two sonnes in law Johan Taubot and Johan Mautus the supervisors of this my last will and testament, to se that it be fulfilled, and to do for my wif and my childeryng, as my trust is in theym at all tymes, when as they shall neyd. Witnes and records of this present will and testament, Sir William Fanchall curat, Sir Johan Greg, Thomas Burton, Miles Ludge, and Christofer Thomson, and other mo.

INVENTORIUM omnium bonorum mobilium ac immobilium Thomæ Walker de Bedaill, (cujus animæ propicietur Deus,) nuper in Domino Deo defuncti, xij^{o} die mensis Februarii, anno Domini M^{o}.ccccc^{o}.xl^{o}.ij^{o}.

Imprimis, in barly xx^{ti}viij. quarters, in iij. chamers, viij li. viij s. Item xxx. quarters of barly malt, x li. Item a steyp fat of leed, xlvj s. viij d. Item tymmer woode in the garthe, xlvj s. viij d. Item xvij. sawen bowrds, xx d. Item two kye, xx s. Item a qwy steirke, vj s. viij d. Item an horse, xiij s. iiij d. Item iij. swyen, iij s. iiij d. Item a spynnyng qweyll, viij d. Item two trowes, and a bowtyn ton, and a tube ende, ij s. viij d. Item an arcke, and two trysts, vj d. Item a browyn leed of two buschells, a maskefatt, a brandereth, and a wortston, xl d. Item a gyelfatt, vj d. Item a pare of cobirones, two speitts, a creischet, and a fryeng panne, ij s. iiij d. Item viij. brasse pots and a posnet, xv s. Item a brasse ladylle, and ij. scommers of latyn, viij d. Item iij. keyttylles, and iij. pannes, xij s. Item a bayssyng of latyn, ij.

ewars, a chaffyng dysche, and iij. candylstyckes, iiij s. Item in powder wessell, xxiij s. iiij d. Item iij. hawmes, and a caull, x s. Item a counter, and a meyt bowrd, iij s. iiij d. Item a long settyll, and ij. chaers, ij s. Item a banker, v. qweischyngs, and a haulyng, ij s. Item iij. rekyngs, ij. pare of pot kylpes, and a pare of tanges, xx d. Item a silver masser, and vij. sylver sponnes, xxxiij s. iiij d. Item viij. pare of lyn sheitts, and ij. pare of hardyng, a lyn bowrd cloth, and ij. hardyng, and iiij. lyn towelles, xxix s. Item two mattressis, ij s. iiij d. Item vij. coverletts, x s. Item iij. pare of blanketts, and v. yerds of broude qwyett, xij s. Item vij. score of lyn garne, and iiij. score of hardyng garne, vij s. viij d. Item a ston and an half of wonegarne, v s. Item a flanders chyste and a pyell, v s. Summa, xxxiiij li. xvj s.

Item Peter Aikryke balyffe, Thomas Spycer, Richard Bailles, and Miles Ludge, ar the iiij. men divisores and prycers of thys forsayd Inventory, goods, and husthelment of houshold. *Debita* prædicti Thomæ quæ in libro ejus debitorum sunt scripta eodem die et anno supradictis (inter alia). Inprimis my lorde Scroppe for xx^{ti}vij. quarters of malt, ix li. Item my lady Stranwaege for vij. quarters of malt, xlvj s. viij d. Item John Tennant, balyff of Bedaill, paid befoer in hand, for iiij. quarters of barly. Item Johan Gaill of Gaittyngby for lames, v s. Item Sir John Kennet, prest, lent money, xxvj s. viij d. He owes to Mr. Gower, iiij s. Johan Ascham, of Kyrke Dyghton, gentilman, xxx s.

XXX. GEORGE GYNNYNG.

George Gynnyng, 14 Jan. 33 Hen. 8, to be buried at Knaresbrough. To William my sunne a violet jaket, and a sleveles gray, and my bowe. To Rawfe my sunne a grene jaket y^{t} John Feethoms gaff me, and a gray jaket with sleves, and a lether dowblet, and a pare of hose clothe, and a blacke bownet. To Richerd my sunne a grene jaket y^{t} my lorde of Cumberlade gaffe me, and an other grene jaket, and a pare of hose clothe, and a doo skyn newe dyght.

XXXI. WILLIAM SHEPHERD OF ELSINGTON, CHAPMAN.

Jhesus. 17 January, 1542. I William Shepherd* of Elsington, in the parishyng off Kyrkby in Kendall, chapman, seyk and

* A most curious and valuable will of one of the founders of the chantry of St. Anthony, in Kendal Church. The directions for the election of the priest and his performance of his duties are interesting. In 24 Eliz., in spite of the clause at his end of the founder's will, there was a grant made by the queen to Sir Christopher Hatton and his heirs of this chantry, out of which, together with other particulars in his purchase, he was to pay 7*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* a-year to the schoolmaster at Burgh or Brough.

cvyll att ease in my bodye with ye visitation off God,—and first off all I beqwethe and commende my soulle to the greate mercye off Gode, in whome onelye is all my hope, trust, and confydence off hellthe and salvation, and to our Ladye, with all Saynts; and my bodye to be burriede within my parishe churche off Kendall, in the qwere off Saynt Anthonye, whiche William Herryson and I fownded in ye same churche. Item I will and by this presents doo publishe and declare yt Edwarde Dockerey, William Dodyng, and other theyr cofeoffers, and theyr heres and assingnes, continewe, stand, and be full feafide in fe simple off and in all suche lands, tennandments, and servyces whiche they be nowe lawfullye possessede and seaside off, by force off my dede off gyft, for ye use and intent off ye meyntenawnce off the devyne serves off Gode in ye qwere off Saynte Anthony, within ye parishe churche off Kendall, fowndede and mayde by me and one William Herryson, to pray daylye for our soulls, our wyffe and our chyldren soulls, our frendes, and all christyan soulls yt Gods pleasur is to be praiede for, for ever. Item I will yt xxs. be taken off ye fyrst gressome yt shall fortune to fall off ye saide lands, and the same to be bestowede upon the fyer howse yt Foxe wyffe off Ulverston dwellithe in, and ye same howse so to be mayde tennandhable, and I will yt my saide feffers shall have ye bestowyng off the rest off the gressoms as they shall chawnce, fyrst to ye repayryng off ye ornaments and vesturs off ye same qwere and after in dedes of charytye, as they shall thynke mooist expedient or convenyent. Item I will yt all ye customarye tennandts be reasnablelye entrede off theyr gressoms, as thei shall falle. Item I will yt the preist, yt shall supplye ye saide serves, shalbe a man of honest conversation, and a qwere man, to ye intent he may at all tymes sette forwarde the servys off Gode in ye sayd churche, and yt he absent not hyme sellff above the space off xxti days without lycence and a reasnable cause, and in yt tyme to fynde one other in his absence to execute his offis in every behallffe. Item I will yt the incumbent off ye same serves always, frome tyme to tyme, shall diligently see to and kepe without wayst ye ornaments off the same qwere. Item I will yt all costs, charges and expenses, at all tymes herafter, be taken and borne off the saide lands, for ye defence off ye said serves, so yt my said feffors nor theyr heres be put to no charges off theyr proper goods for ye same. Item I will yt my saide feffers, theyr heres and assygnes, have ordre, oversyght, and governawnce off all other thyngs aperteynyng or ony wysse belongynge the saide serves, and they to doo therein as they shall thynke best for ye meyntenannce off ye same serves; and yff any overplus above the yerelye stypende off v. marks be, it to remeyne and goo to my saide

feoffers and theyr heres, for theyr paynes, to be taken in y^{t} behallff. Item it is my will and mynd y^{t}, yff y^{e} saide servys in the saide qwere at any tyme hereafter shall not be sufferede to contenewe and perpetually to endewre, by any statute, acte, decre, or injunction, or otherwysse whatsoever it be, by the lawes off this realme off Ynglonde, then the one hallff off all the saide lands, tennandments, rents and all other servyces, with revertions and appertenawnces belongyng y^{e} same, descende, remeyne and cum to y^{e} ryght heres off me y^{e} saide William Shepherd for ever, and y^{t} my saide heres never make pretence, title or clayme to any further, but onely to y^{e} one hallff off the saide lands, as they will awnswer me before Gode at y^{e} day off judgement, but y^{t} the other hallff of y^{e} same lands may descende and remeyne to y^{e} heres off y^{e} saide William Herryson for ever, notwithstondyng y^{t} the holl lands ar cumme unto me the saide William Shepherde by force off supervivor off the saide William Herryson.—Item I will y^{t} every prest beyng at my burriall shall have v d.—Item I gyve and beqwethe to Nycholas Dodyng a gowne with qwitt fure. Item I gyve and beqwethe to Sir Adam Shepherde prest, and my brothers sonne, a lytle sylver potte with a cover. Item I gyff and beqwest to my parishe churche, for y^{e} reparations off the same, xiij s. iiij d. so y^{t} I may have the tow best crosses and y^{e} canabye free at y^{e} day off my burryall. Per me Adamum Shepherd, rectorem.

XXXII. DOMINI HENRICI HAWLHED PRESBITERI TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Anno Domini 1542, the 9 day of February, I Sir Henry Halled, Ladie preist of the parishing of Kirkbie in Kendall, seike and evill at ease in my bodie with the visitation of Gode, never the lease holle and perfitte in mynd and goode of rememberance,—my bodie to be burried in our Lades chappell within my parishe churche of Kendall. Item I give and bequethe to John Halled, my sone, the holle title and tennandryght of my house, with it appurtenance, as it is cituate and lythe upon y^{e} kyrkland, so y^{t} my said sone will be ordered and gydede after y^{e} cowncelle of my executors; provided allwais, y^{t} it is my will and mynd, that Margaret Moyser and Elsabethe Furnes hyr suster shall have dewryng their lyves naturall the house y^{t} they dwell in at thys day ferme fre, savyng only that they shall make reparations of the saide house, as nede shall requer, dewryng their tyme. Item I gyve and bequethe to the saide John my sone a fether bed, a matteras, and a clothe of arrowis, with a pare of blanketts and a pare of sheitts; and in case the saide John Halled my sone be departyd to the mercy of Gode, or yette shall note cum

into ye cowntre agayne, or die without isshew of his bodie lawfully begotten, then it is my will and mynd that my title and tennand rygt of my said house, with its appurtenances, as is aforsaid, shall clerly decend and remeyne to Henry the sone of Thomas Halled. Item I gyve and bequethe to the chyldren of ye forsaid Thomas Halled, which I am godfather to, every of theyme, iij s. iiij d. Item I gyve and bequethe to James Lyckbarowe my chest. Item to Jennet Lyckbarowe, his dowghter, ane arke. Item to Margaret Lyckbarow, hyr suster, a locker. Item I gyve and bequethe to Nycholas Fyscher my hynger. Item I gyve to Margaret Moyser my shorte goowne. Item I give and bequeth to Elzabethe Soorey and Margaret Moyser, afornamyd, my longe gowne. Executors of this my will and testament I doo make and ordeyne Sir Alan Shepherd preste, James Lyckbarowe, and Thomas Halled. Further, I desier Mr. Parson Layborne, commyssary of Rychmundshyer, that he will be so goode mr to me, for Gode sake, to be supervisor, to se yt this my will and testament be fullfilled and done in all poynts, accordyng to my mynde; and for a remembrance of his payns, to be taken in yt behallffe, I gyve hym my best tache, desieryng hym to were it for my sake. Item it is my mynd that every one of my fornaymed executors shall have iij s. iiij d., in recompence of theyr payns to be taken in my causes; the rest of my goodes that shall remeyne, I will be disposid in works of charyty, for the helth of my soulle, at ye dyscretion and judgement of my said executors, and specially I desier my said executors to be goode to them yt take paynes with me in my sickenese. Witneses hereof yt this is my last and trew will and testament: Sir Alan Shepherd preist, and Sir Adam Shepherd preist, with other moo. Per me Adamum Shepherd, rectorem.

XXXIII. MR. CHRISTOFER PICKERING TESTAMENT OF CLEISBY.*

In the nayme of God, Amen. I Christopher Pykering, of Clesbie, doe mayke and ordayne thys my laste wyll and testament in maner and furme followyng. Furste I bequethe mye soule into the handes of my saveare Jhesus Christe, by whos blowde only I hoppe off full remecion and forgivenes off my synes, and my bodey to be berede in Cownyscleffe cherche nere unto my fyrst wyffe. I gyve unto my sone Chrystofer Pykeryng my beste byde of cremsyne and rowsette velvette, with sarsenette curtens and quecyans therto belownyng. Allso I gyve unto hym my bay horsse and my yowne merke gray stage, of iiij. yeres of age, with all my

* "Appeled for to be probated at Yorke," *in dorso.*

doblet, one worsted doblet, one parre of hosen and one cappe, whyche ar in the kepyng of Thomas Kendell. Item at Whytyame, one fether bede, one coveryng, one parre of blanketts, hangyngs for the same, and one cheist. Item in the kepyng of William Sands, gentylman, one bede of downe and one boster for the same. *Theis ar the detts awyng unto the seid Roger.* Fyrste, of my lorde Mounttegle of lent money, xxiij li. ij s. vj d. Item of Marmaduke Bradeley of Rippon, lent money, xx li. Item of Margarett, lait wyfe of William Lancaster, for on crucifix of golde, price x li.; ij. flagens of sylver, price xix li. v s. with other peses of sylver of rignes, price x li., in toto xxxix li. v s. Item of James Huntter, iij li. vj s. viij d. Item of Barnet Rychardson, x s. Item of John Standisshe and hys wyfe of Lancaster, for on plege to them delyvered, xx s. Item of James Brathwayt, son of William Brathwayt, iij s. Item of Elsabeth Pele, doughter of John Pele, iij s. ix d. Summa, lxxxvij li. x s. xi d. *Theis ar the detts whyche the seid Roger dyd awe.* Imprimis, to Richard Holand of Cokarmouth, xx li. Item to Syr Henry Farryngton, iiij li. Item to Geffray Chamber, xx s. Item to Thomas Kendall, iij li. ij s. x d. Item to Agnes Richardson, xx s. Item Evane Barwyke, xl s. Item to Thomas Jaksone of Myllome, xv s. Item to Laurence Gybson, xx s. Item to William Ascowe, xxvj s. iij d. Item to the lait wyffe of John Hyrde, x s. Summa, xxxiij li. x s. j d.

XXIII. THOMAS ALLANSON.

Thomas Allanson. 29 June, 1541. To be buryed in the churche pourche of the parochyng of our blessed Lady and of All Hallous of Cundall; for forgotyn tythes, xx d. Also I bequythe to hy altar for wax to kepe. . . . I bequythe to Cundall churche a black vestyment with the . . . To the same churche on cope, and it for to be kepyd in the hands of my executors.—To Sir Willyam Sarganson, clerk, xij d. To Sir Willyam Browne, clerk, xij d. To Sir Rychard of Dysforthe, viij d. To Sir Rychard of Marton, viij d.

XXIV. WALLER HENRICI TESTAMENTUM.*

In the naym of Gode, Amen. In the ȝere of our Lord M°.ccccc.xlj. and iiijth day of Julii, I Henry Wallar scy . . . . .

* An early and curious Richmond Will, which is valuable for its singular language and spelling, and at the same time interesting for its bequests to charitable purposes.

XXXV. LEONARD FELL * OF ULVERSTONE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. A. D. Millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo secundo, decimo quinto die mensis Marcii, ego Leonardus Fell, parochianus Ecclesiæ Ulverstoniensis in com. Lanc., yoman, egrotus et invalidus corpore, mente, judicio et racione compos ac imbutus, condo testamentum meum.—I yelde and betaks my soule and bodye into the hands and divine favour of Allmyghtie God, to do and worke therein and with his godly wyll, if I do dye at this tyme my soule I committe to the hands of God . . . . faythfull companye of Sayntes, and my bodye to be erthed in the parich churche afforenamyd. And the daye of my buryall to have all prests that may be gotten to praye for me and they to have vj.d. every one towardes their paynes, and the dewtis of the churche to be gevyn without impedyment, accordinge to the lawe and usag. Forther I wyll that Sir Leonarde Fell, prest, of the saide parich, praye for me duringe a complet yeare directly ensewyng after the date hereof, and he is to have xl s. sterling and his bording as meate and drinke, or els yerfore as my executours and he opnely shal agre for the same. Moreover I bequeth and gyves to the bueldynge of the churche stepyll of Ulverstone xl s. sterling—to finde John Fell meate and drinke, clothinge, boks, and scolewaige to goo to the scole, with all other necessaryes, to he be xxvj. yeares of aige, at good lernyng and scols without hynderance. Supervisors, John Sowrey, &c.

Per me Johanem Henchaw presbiterum tñ animarum pastorem licet indignum agentem.

XXXVI. WILLYAM ALLANSON.

IHS. In the name of God, Amen. The xxij^{ti}. da off Marcii, in the yere off our Lord God M.cccc.xlij, I Wyl$_3$am Allanson, beyng in good memory and mynd, makitte my testament and laste wyll in thys maner foluyng. First I bequith and commendith my saule into y^e handithe of Almyghty God, to owre blissyd Lady Sancte Mary, mother off pytte, and to all the fare company in evyn, my bode to be buryd within the parisshe churche off our blyssyt Lady and off All hallus off Cundal. Also I bequieth and gyfith to y^e blisset sacrement, for forgotyn tith$_3$, vj d. Also I gyffe and bequith to my sunne Gwye one

* The Fells were and are still a clan of yeomanly gentry in the neighbourhood of Ulverston. We have here provision for a youth to be kept at school and duly maintained out of the goods of the testator until his 26th year.

silver deghte dagar, vj. sylver sponith3, one iryn speitte, one great braspot, one chyste, ix. iryn straketh3, with all y^e^ dulle edges, and two stottith3, one white and one donnyd. Also I wyll and bequith to my wiffe one great donnyed cow. Item I will my dowter Emmos have one silver belte with one pare off bedd3, after ye deceissyng off hyr mother, and also I wyl and bequieth to every one off my dowtres to have achen off thame one why strik, or one stotrell. And I wyl and ordane for my executores my wiffe Johan and my son Gwy, to dispose and fulfyll thys my laste wyll —and the residew I gyffe to my wiffe and to my childryn, in evyn porcions, to be devydyd amongh3 thame. Thes wytneshths: Robert Bell, Lionel Clerke, Wyl3am Potter, and Wyl3am Farmery.

XXXVII. WYNDE EDMUNDE NUPER DE GOLDISBURGH YOMAN.

April 18, 1543. I Emoonde Weynde of Goldeesburghe, in y^e^ countie of York, yoman—to be buried within y^e^ churche yearde of Goldesburghe, nyghe unto my fyrste wyffe. Item I wyll y^t^ my freynds and neighbors have a repayste after my buryall, for their paynes and goode wyll. Item I gyve and bequethe to Jhoan y^e^ dowghter of my Mr. Mr. Thomas Goldesburghe, one whie calfe. Item I wyll y^t^ all y^e^ poore people being at my buriall have everye one a farthyng breade. Item I gyve and bequethe to my paryshe churse iij s. iiij d., to be dysposyde at y^e^ discritione of y^e^ persone ther.—I desyre also my Mr. Mr. Thomas Goldesburghe, and Thomas Ughtrede, parson of Goldesburghe aforsaide, to be supervysers.

XXXVIII. MANSARGH EDWARDI TESTAMENTUM.

April 26, 1543. I Edwarde Mansarghe,*—to be buried in the parysshe churche of Kyrkby in Lonsdayle.—Also I wyll that every preste within the paryssche beyn present at my buryall shall have viij d., and every one withowt the paryssche, there beyng present, iiij d. Item I bewheth to Alice my do3ter xx li. alotted for her porcion, and she to have more when she shall come to maryage at the discretion of Barbara my wyffe and Christofer my son. Item I bewhethe Agnes Baynes . . . we and ather of the other do3ters off John Baynes my sonne in lawe, a qwye of another beest. Item to the saide John and Elizabeth his wyffe a

* The testator, no doubt, belonged to the old family of Mansergh of Mansergh, in the parish of Kirkby Lonsdale.

hors and a mare. Item to Edwarde Mansarghe, sonne to Christofer my sonne, myne awen rydyng swerde and a stott. Item to the saide Christofer my cutt hors, a steyle cappe, a paire of splynts, and a yoke of stotts, yff he wyll be goode to his mother, and they to be delyvered to hym att hyr dyscretion. Item to George my sonne a jacke, a steyle cappe, and a pare of splynts. Item to Alexander my sonne a jacke, a steyle cappe, and a pare off splynts. Item to Christofer, for his servants, a jacke and the greate sallett. Item I bewhethe to George my sonne the annuall rent offe the tenement in the tenure off the layte wyffe of Edwarde Gybbonson and the annuall rent of the ten .... of Thomas Farleton, duryng his naturall lyve. Item to Alexander my sonne the annuall rent of the tenement off Jamys Moore, and the annuall rent off the tenement nowe in the tenure of Edwarde Atkynson, duryng his naturall lyve, and immediately after the departure of the saide George and Alexander, or ather of them, the saide annuall rents to remayne, reverte, and come to the ryght heires.—The rest to Barbara my wife, and she to be ordered by Mr. Miles Huddleston, parson of Whittyngton, Thomas Moreley esquyer, George Mansarghe gent., Sir Robert Applegarthe, Sir Nicolaus Mansarghe, and Sir Thomas Witton, prests. Also I ordene and makethe Mr. John Middleton, my maister, supervisor, desyring hym and my maistres, his wyffe, for Gods sake, to be goode to my wyffe and chyldren, and by his licence George Mansarghe to be associate to shewe hym my wyll, that it may be fulfylled to the pleasure of Almyghtty Gode, and the helthe off my saule; and I bewhethe my saide m^{r} my blake hors and my maistres one old ryall, and Garge Mansarghe x s. Records, Sir Robert Applegarthe and Sir Thomas Witton. *I awe* to Maister parson Huddleston, vij s. vj d. To the parysshe churche off Heversam, iij s. iiij d. To Sir Thomas Witton, v s. Edwarde Mansarghe *awes me* iij li. vj s. viij d. John Blande for nawte skynnes, xv s. Geirge Mansarghe and William his sonne for a hors, xl s.

This is a trewe INVENTORIE off the goods of Edwarde Mansarghe, layte departed, priced by foure men booke sworne, that is to saye William Aykeryge, Nicolaus Glover, Reginalde Baynbryge and Richard Wylson, as hereafter ensuythe. Inprimis (*inter alia,*)—v. sylver spoynes, x s.; viij qwysshens and iiij pyllowes, v s.; iij jacks, iij pare off splynts and a steyle coite, xxxiij s. iiij d.; a counter, v s.; iij bowshells of grotts, x s.; iij steyle bonetts and a sallet, vj s. viij d.; iij. swerds and a hynger, vj s. viij d. For buryall and mortuarie, xiij s. iiij d.

XXXIX. JAMES LAYBURNE OF BRADLEYFYLDE.

IHS. 11 June, 1543. I James Layburne,* of Bradleyfylde, seyke ande evill at ease in my bodye, thrughe the visitation of Gode, yet notwithstondynge holle and perfyte off mynde,—to be burryede in my parishe churche of Kendall, as nere my masters qwere as may convenientlye be. Item I will that my goods be devidede and separatede in thre parts, accordyng to y^e^ lawe, one parte for my selffe, ane other for my wyffe, and y^e^ thyrde for my chyldren James and Charles.—Item I gyve and beqwethe to Henry Warryner a kelter jacket. Item to Christofore Cayrus a old tawney jacket. Item I will that y^e^ ministers and prests shall brynge me to y^e^ churche and to synge masse for my soulle, and every preist to have ij d. Item I gyve and beqwest xij d. to y^e^ works and reparacions of my parishe churche. Item I will y^t^ my towe sonnes, James and Charles, shall have my peat mosse at y^e^ Stonyforde bryge, and y^e^ peatcote there bulded, eqwally devided betwyxe them.—To Jenet my dau. xx. marks to her marryage. I will that my sons shall make an agrement,—and y^e^ said agrement to be maide at y^e^ determynation, syght and order of my singuler goode Maister Sir James Layburne knyghte, Maister Parson Layburne, Commissary of Rychemundeshyer, and Master Nycholas Layburne, the elder.

Inventory, 6 June, 1543. Summe xliiij li. xv s. viij d. Sir John Lampolow, knyght, awes him xxxij s. vj d. Item Maister Nycholas Leyburne, yonger, in lent money, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item John Godmunde, for stallege y^t^ he receyved, iij li. vj s. viij d. Item Thomas Gennyngs, for Kendall (*cloth*) of y^e^ last yere, xx s. Item y^e^ same Thomas, for Kendall, lvij s. Item Myles Brygs, for Kendall, xxvij s. He awes to Sir Alan Shepherd, xvj s. Inv. Item a close of grese, xiiij s.

XL. WYLLIAM WITHEMAN, OF BRATTENBYE, GENTILMAN.

In the name of God, Amen. I Wyll3 Witheman,† of Brattenbye, in the countie of Yorke, gentilman, hole and sounde and of good memorye, maketh . . . . last wyll and testament at Bar-

* A younger son of the great family of Laborne, who had become a farmer under the head of his house. Underbarrow and Bradleyfield, in the parish of Kendal, were two ancient family estates.

† The testator was the son of Matthew Witham, of Brettanby, a younger branch of the house of Cliffe, and married Catherine, dau. of . . . Killinghall, esq. of Middleton St. George, by whom he left issue. He appears to have raised himself by his

wyke. Fyrst, I bequethe my soule to Almyghty God, and my bodye to be buryed there . . . . . please hym. Item I wyll y^{t} Barbara Wittham my doughter shall have foure score marks in recompenc of all . . . . . chyldes porcion, to be taken furthe of the profetts of my lease of Thikett. And also I wyll Agnes Wittham, Marye Wittham, and Doritye Wittham, every of these to have fourty pounds, to be taken furth of the profetts of the saide lease of Thykett. Also . . . . . that Katheryn Withetham my wyf shall have all such lands, rentts, and farmes as I have at this present within . . . . . feilds of Darlington. Also I will y^{t} Will^{m} Wittham* my eldest sone have all the implements whiche I have within . . . . . of Darlington, as well the bruwehowse as other howses of office within and abowthe the saide howse, and also . . . . iiij^{or} trussyng beddes and all the clothes y^{t} belonges to the saide beddes, saving his mother shall have the . . . . of such stuff as is at Darlington durynge hir lyf; also the saide stuff y^{t} Will^{m} Wittham shall . . . and shall remayne unto his heyres after hym, as long as the said stuffe will contynew, and to no other. I will y^{t} George Clapham, who I have most in trust for my sonne and all other children, shall have xx^{ti} marks . . . . for the ward-shepe of my sonne and heyr for his most profett, as he shall thinke best; and all the resedew of goods, my detts payed, I will my wyf have it for brynyng up my chylder, who I make my hole executor. I wyll y^{t} George Clapham, Will^{m} Kyllingale, and John Kyllingale,† every of thame to have one yonge horse or mare, ... one as they lyst to chose thaym self, who I make my supervisors of this my last wyll and testament. Also I wyll my brother Henry Wittham shall have ij. maires and my taffatay gowne. Also I

exertions to a position of some rank in the county of Durham. During the episcopate of Cardinal Wolsey he occurs as a "servant" or lessee of the deanery of Darlington, under the dean, Cuthbert, Marshall, who seems to have been his constant patron, as it was to his instrumentality that the testator owed his appointment to the bailifwick of Darlington, 10th February, 20 Henry VIII. When the Aske rebellion broke out, he was of great service in quelling it, and his energy is the subject of more than one letter preserved in the State Paper Office. In one of those letters, Cuthbert Marshall (qy.) says of him, "The berer Wm. Wytham is one of those that helped as moch to stay the last commotion to his power as any man of his degree, as my lord of Norfolk I trust can tell me, by the advertisement that I had by him, was the savgarde of my lyffe, for ellys I had been betrappyd by the commons or I had known." As a reward for his activity he was made a gentleman usher of the king's great chamber, and it is probable that it was some special mission from the king, or else from the bishop of Durham, that led him to Berwick, where, like a prudent man, he makes his will. As he now disappears entirely from public view, we may conclude that he too found his tomb in the Castle Dangerous of the Border, that vast sepulchre of our northern chivalry.

* William Witham, the testator's eldest son, died s. p. 1562, and the estates descended to his brother Cuthbert Witham, who was attainted for his share in the rebellion in 1569.

† Probably the testator's brothers-in-law. The Killinghalls of Middleton St. George appear much in the history of Berwick about this time.

beseche my father* to mayke a title of iiij^{or}. marke by yere to the younges sonnes for theyr lyffes, unto whom I sende a dubbyll duckett, and another duckett unto my mother his wif. In wittnes whereof the saide Will$_3$ Wittham haithe subscribed his name and setto his seale, at Barwicke, the vjth day of September, in the xxxiiij^{ti} yere of the reigne of our soverayne lorde kynge Henry the viijth, by the grace of God, of Inglande, France, and Irelande, kynge, defensor of the faithe, and of the . . . . . of Ynglande and Irelande the suppreme heade.

The trew INVENTARYE of all maner of goods moveable and unmoveable of Will$_3$ Wittham of Bratenbye, layt decessed, pracyde by iiij^{or} indefferent persons, y^{t} is to say, Christofer Dodysworth, William Barber, Crystofer Dent, John Warde, x^{mo} die Januarii, anno Domini M^{o} quingentesimo quadragesimo . . . . . *At Bratenbye, in y^{e} stable.*—Item ij^{o} geldings and a nagge, price vj li. . . . . Item iiij^{or} warke horses, y^{e} price xliij s. . . . . Item iiij^{or} mares and a colte fole, iij li. x . . . . . xxx . . . . . Item v. draffe oxen, xl s. Item a fat oxe, xvj s. Item ij^{o} swyne, iiij s. Item vj. geys, ij s. *Rament.*—A gowne of taffatay, a velvete jackett, a cloake of cloth, a goune of cloth, one sattyn dublett, with other raparell, v li. *Beddyng.*—In the greate parlor, trussyng-bed, iiij^{or} fader beddes, one paire of fuschen blanks, one paire of clothe blancks, ij^{o} coverletts, ij. bed courtyngs, ij^{o} bolsters, iiij^{o} qwyssyngs, iiij li. In the *Law Parlor.*—One fether bedde, ij^{o} mattresses, ij. blancks, ij^{o} coverletts, a bed coveryn, xiij s. iiij d. In the *Geste Chamer.*—A trussyng bedde, a fether bedde, a matters, a bedde coveryng, x s. In the *hye chamer.*—A bedde for chylder, iij s.; one cheyste, iij s. iiij d. Item ij^{o} cuppeburdes, v s. *Pewder wessell.*—Dublers, disches, sawcers, salts, basyngs, ewers, pewder potts, xiij. s. iiij d. *Napperye waire.*—x. paire of lyne schetts, xx s. Item ix. burdcloths, iiij^{or} towells, xiij s. iiij d. Item iiij^{or} dowson napkyns, iiij s. Item paire of pillobers, iiij s. Item iiij^{or} paire of hardyn scheatts, iij d. iiij d. *Brasse vessell.*—In the kytchyng, iij. brase potts, one caldron, iij. panns, a paire of cobyrons, iij. speytts, a brasyn morter, a pare of tonges. Item ij^{o} reckand crukes and chawfyng dische, xx s. Item ij. says, iij. seckes, with other trasche, iij s. iiij d. In *wodde vessell*, xij d. A brewyng leyde, xiij s. iiij d. In *hernes*, xiij s. iiij d. Item x. sylver spowns, xxiii s. iiij d.

At Darnton.†—In the *hall*, one hold cownter, ij. chaires, iij. bourdes, iij. s. iiij d. In the *parlor*, a cupburde, a trussyng bedde,

* The will of the testator's father, Mathew Witham, and that of his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Witham, will occur hereafter.

† This is probably the furniture which the testator had in the deanery of Darlington. Considerable remains of the old house are still in existence.

a stande bedde, a close prysser, xvij s. iiij d. In the *kytchyng*, a arke, ij. dryssyng bourds, xx d. In the *hye chamer*, a trussyng bedde, a table, a cupbourd, a chayre, a furme, with hangyng of the chamer, xxiiij s. In the *butterye chamer*, a trussyng bedde with a teyster, a chayre, a buffete stowyll, xvj s. In the *chamer over y^e^ parlor*, a trussyng bedde with hangyngs, a tryndyll bedde, xiij s. iiij d. In y^e^ *yaytt howse*, a cupbourde, a stande bedde, x s. In y^e^ *stable*, an ake swall, viij d., vij. colttes, iiij. fylles, vij li. x s. In the *brewhowse*, a maske fatt, a gyl fatt, a cuyll fatt, a culyng tubbe, v. nobles; iij. hoggshedes, xiiij d.; v. barrels, xx d. Item iij. fyrkyns, vj d.

At Thyckett, in Yorkeshyer.—Inprimis, in the *whiett barne*, whaytt and rye, iiij. marks. In the *haver barne*, haver unbarryd, v. marks, beyns and pese unberyd, xxx s. A wayn, a cupe, ij. plews, an yron . . , iiij. temmes, iij. culters, ij. sokes, ij. wayn ropes, with other plew geyr and wayn geyr, in valor xxviii s. ij. gang of wayne felles, ij s. viij d. A say, iiij. bolles, a scheyll, iij. holde tubbes, xvij d. A counter, a table, a furme, x s. In the *parlor*, a trussyng bedde, a wheyll bedde, ij. fether bedds, ij. bolsters, ij. mattresses, ij. pyllos, ij. pare of cheytts, ij. pare of blancketts, ij. coverletts, ij. bedde coveryngs, xl s. Item x qwhyssyngs, vj s. A arke, iij. chysts, ij. tubbes, vj s. viij d. Item a mattres, ij. happyngs, iij s. Tyermer for a wayne, iij s. Item chayer with a barrel, vj d. In the *maydyns parlor*, ij. chysts, ij. bedds, iijs. iiij d. In the *butterye*, an hawmery, iiij^or^ barrells, with other trasche, v s. A burde clothe, iiij^or^ napkyns, a towell, xx d. In *Gayls chamber*, iiij^or^ brasse potts, a brasyn morter, x s. An holde caldron, vij. hold panns, x s.; ij. branderethes, ij. rost yrons, ij. creschetts, a paier of cobyrons, a paire of tonges, v s.; ij. choppyng knyves, ij. speytts, a flescheaxe, vij. pece of pewer, with a laddyll, iij s. In the *mylke howse*, an arke, a tube, a stande, a chyrne, xij d. Summa totalis, lxviij li. xvj s. vij d.

XLI. JOHN SLYNGER TESTAMENTUM "OF LYTYLL HUTOUNE."

In Dei nomine, Amen. The secunde day of October, after the computacyon of Hole Churche, in the yere of oure Lorde God a thousande fyve hundreth forty and iij. I John Slynger* of Lytyll Hutoune.—Fyrst and princypally, I bequeth my soule to Almygthy God, and to all the holy companey in heven, my body to be

* A member of a very respectable family, which in the following century settled at Catlow, in the wapentake of Staincliffe. They were probably taken thither by the Pudsays, whose tenants they had been for many generations. The will of his son will occur afterwards.

buryed in Sainth Cuthbert churche yerde of Forcett, my mortuarye to be gyve after the reyte and acte of the Perlement. I bequeth to every one of the chyldrene of Henry Slynger, my son, a gymer lame. Item I bequeth to every one of the chyldryne of Henry Nwtun a gymer lame. Item I bequeth to the churche of Forcett, to sett yt forth, vj. s. viij. d. Item I bequeth to every powre body in the towne of Forcett, and withyn the paryshyng, to every powre house ij. d. Item I bequeth to Jane Slynger a gymer lame. Item I bequeth to the hygth aulter for tythes and offerands by me neglegently forgottyng xij. d. and deth parte to be devyded emongs my chyldryne, whome I mayke hole executours, and my farmolde to be occupyed for the use of my wyfe and my chyldryne by the lycens of the lorde; and Christofer Slynger my broder, and Henry Slynger my son, and Henry Nwtun to be supervysours of my wyll, to se that my wyfe and my chyldryne do agre, accordyng to honeste and profett for them all, both wyfe and chyldryne, after my deth; my wyll performed, my detts payed, the resydeu of my goodes I bequeth to my wyfe and chyldryne, Rawfe Slynger, Christofer Slynger, Francys Slynger, John Slynger, my sons, whome I mayke my hole executours. Wytness hereof Christofer Slynger, Henry Slynger, Mychaell Peyrson, John Betson preyste, the day and yere above wrytyn.

XLII. ALYSANDER ATKYNSON OF RYPLEY.

IHS. 20 October, 1543. I Alysander Atkynson,* of Rypley, olle of mynde and remembrance,—to be buryed within Rypley church yerd of All halowys. To Thomas Atkynson, my sone, my best stydye wyche I bowghte at Darlyngton with my beste bellyces. To John Atkynson my sone the worsse stydy with the bellyces, a hamer with twho payre of tongs.—

IHS. INVENTARIUM omnium et singulorum bonorum Alyxsandri Atkynson de Rypley nuper defuncti, appreciatorum per iiij. vicinos scilicet Robertum Rypley, Willelmum Collyng, Willelmum Nussay, Ricardum Longkyster.

Item in primis, twho stedys and twho paire of bellyces, xl s. Item x. paire of tongs, iij s. iiij d. Item iiij. fore hamers, ij s. iiij d. Item iiij. showyng hamers, iiij d. Item ij. hande hamers, viij d. Item ij. nalyng hamers, ij d. Item a hake hamer with a platyng hamer, ij d. Item iij. paire of pynsowrs, vj d. Item vj. bowters, vj d. Item ij. cawkers, ij d. Item v. nalle towlys, vj. d. Item ij. perchers, ij d. Item ij. howe yrons, ij d. Item v. ponchys,

* A valuable inventory. The whole of the testator's stock in trade is carefully detailed.

one ponce with a stame iij d. Item a crokytte stedy with a nall towlle, ij s. Item ij. grynstons unge in yron xvj d. Item a webayke with schalls and vij. leyd weyghts, ij s. Item yron unwroght, xvj d. Item l. horsse showne, iij s. iiij d. Item one wyse, xij d. Item oxe shone, with nalls, xij d. Item iij. kysts, xij d. Item ij. stone trogheys, xvj d. Item ij. loyds of collys and a halfe, x s. Summa, iij li. xiij. s. vij d. Mr. Rokysby owes him, vj. s. viij d. Mr. Swalle, viij s. Mr. Ingeby xxxvij s. viij d. He owes to Mr. Hall of Yorke for yron, xxvij s. viij d.

XLIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ CURWEN MILITIS NUPER DEFUNCTI.

In the name of God, Amen. The first day of November, in the yere of our Lord God a thousand fyve hunderith fortie and thre, I Thomas Curwen,* of Wirkyngton, in the countie of Cumberland, knyght, of hole mynde and good rememberannce, if all withe sekenes I be greved, makis my testament or last will, in maner and forme hereafter following, &c.:—Furst giff and bequethes my soull unto Almyghtie God, our Ladie Saynt Mary, and all the holye companye of heven, my body to be buried within the new chaunterie of my parishe churche of Wirkyngton, as nyghe my late wyffs grave as may be. Also I will that the issues and proffetts of ij. parts of all my manors, lands, and tenements in Wirkington, Seton, Thornewaith in the fells, and all other my lands in the said countie of Comberland, whiche I stande nowe in possession of, be yerelie taken and received during space and terme of sex yeares next following the date hereof, by Sir Thomas Wharton knyght and John Preston sqyer, or ther assignes, to th'use of the payment of my detts and performance of this my last will. Also I will y^{t} the proffetts of all suche leasses as I have, and all mye moveable goods, wher the said two parts of my lands will not extende, be putt by the said Sir Thomas Wharton and John Preston to the said use of payment of my detts and performannce of this my said will. Also I will that Florens my wiff shall have oute of my said lands and tenements yerelie, during her lyff, fourtie marks covenanded unto her for

* The Curwens were descended from the ancient kings of Northumberland, through earl Cospatric, the common ancestor of the great houses of Dunbar, Raby, &c. In Burn and Nicholson's History of Westmoreland and Cumberland, ii. 52, there is a meagre narrative pedigree of the family of Curwen, in which the testator is mentioned merely as the *homo* of his house during his time. This will mentions a deceased wife (Agnes, daughter of Walter Strickland, esq.), and gives the name of a living one, who appears to have been a sister of Sir Thomas Wharton. It also mentions numerous other family connections, all of which appear to be new to the genealogist.

her joyntor and feoffement at the day of our maryage. Also I will that all suche recognissances of covenands maide betwixt Sir Thomas Wharton and me, concernynge the mariage of Henry Curwen, my son and heir apparent, (*sic*). Also I giff and bequethe two hunderith pounds sterling to provide for hym a warde, or other levyng to the value of fyftie marks by yere, at the discrecion of myne executors. Also I giff and bequethe unto my sone Thomas, after my said detts paid, a hunderith marks sterling out of my said lands and goods, towards the preferment of his leving, at the lyke discrecion of myne executors. Also I giff unto my doughter Mabell two hunderith pounds sterling, after my detts paid oute of my said lands and goods. Also I giff and bequethes unto my wiff, my detts being paid, the thirde part of all my goods—and fourtie marks worthe of plate.—The resydew of my plate to my son Henry.—To my brother Sir Thomas Wharton sex pounds threttene shillings foure pence by yere, in consideracion of the true accomplishment of this my said last will.—To my brother John Preston twentie pounds by yere, in consideracion of the true accomplishment of my will,—and when my detts be fullye paid, and my children preffered, to have my hole lease of Furnes. Also I giff him my best bedd of silke at Sherifhotton, with the fedderbedd, pelowes, counterpoynte, and all other things thereunto belonging, and also my yong gray gelding, my satten gowen and jaket of velvet. Also I giff and bequethes unto my doughter Agnes Curwen a standing cuppe with a covering doble gilted. Also I giff unto my nephe Robert Lamplughe a gelding.—To my nephe Thomas Warcopp my white gelding callyd Wyber.—To my broder John Curwen and Robert Curwen, ayther of them, a silke bedd, with the fedderbedd coveryngs, and all other stuff thereto belonging.—To my brother Edmunde Curwen, John and Robert, everye one of them a gelding, or a breding mare.—To my nece Jane Warcopp a pece of russall satten to maik her a gowne.—To Christofer Lamplughe my servante fourtie shillings by yere, alwais desyring my brother Sir Thomas Wharton to be good m^{r}. unto my said servante.—To my brother Robert wiff a ring with thre stones in yt.—To my brother John wiff a ring with a reide stone in it, that was the Lord Drumlangrigs.—To my wiff xx^{ti} marks by yere during her lyff, owte of my lease of Sherefhoton and Furnes—and my lease of Furnes to pay the annuitie of 6£ 13s. 4d. grannted unto Hughe Askew—xiij s. iiij d. by yere during his liff unto Richard Sympson to be toward my son and heire Henry Curwen—my brother John Curwen and Robert Curwen to have the preferment of my lands assigned as may be spared frome my said son and heire, at the discrecion of my brother Sir Thomas Wharton and John Preston—my servante

Roger Bellingham to have his hole wages yerelie, untill my son and heire come to his lawfull age of xxj. yeres, and then that he be good maister unto hym.—To my servante John King xx s. by yere, according unto his patent—my servante Sir Robert Turnor prest, all his fees and other commodities whiche he haithe of me now at this day.—To everye one of my servants ther hole yeres wages.—To my servant Henry Glaysier his fermehold rent free during his lyff, doing service to my son.—To my cosyn Thomas Carus xl s. by yere during his lyff.—My brother John Curwen to have his fee of xx s. by yere and two horses gressed for the keping of mye parke in Wirkington called Henyngs. Also I will, for the truste and confidence whiche I have in my most intierlye belovid breder in law Sir Thomas Wharton knight and John Preston, that they at all tymes shall amende and reforme all the foresaid bequethes by ther discrecion, with th'advice of suche counsaill lerned, as they will tak to them.—The resydew—to my most trustie brother Sir Thomas Wharton, Florens my wiff, my broder John Preston, my sone Henry Curwen, and Sir Robert Turner, prest, whome I ordayne my executors.—In witnesse whereof this my present will I have subscribed with myne owne hande. Thees being witnesse, Robert Lamplughe esquyer, Thomas Warcop esquyer, Roger Bellingham gent., Richard Bellingham, Richard Sympson, Sir Thomas Dodgeson prest, Sir James Edward prest, and Oswald. Thomas Curwen.*

[4 Nov. 1554. Sir Robert Turner renounces; and Sir Thomas Wharton Lord Wharton, Walter Strikland, and John Preston, gentlemen, are appointed guardians of Henry Curwen, and adm. is given to them.]

XLIV. HENRY BLOMEYR OF SEDBER CHAPLAYNE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The fift daie of the moneth of November, in the yere of our Lord God a thowsande five hundreth fourtie and thre, I Henry Blomeyr, of Sedber, in the countie of Yorke, chaplayne, hole off mynde and good remembrannce, preventyng the uncertayn channce and tyme of dethe in this maner insewyng, doithe orden and make this my last will and testament. First I commende my soule into the handys of my Lord God, Jesu Christ, my creatour and redemer, in full faith of our mother holy churche his spowse, with full hope of his infinite marcy, beseechyng his blessed mother Saynt Marye, and all Saynts and company of hevyn, to praie for me. And my mortall body to be

* Those wills which are marked with an asterisk are taken from the registers still preserved in the Court.

buried in christiane mannys buriall, if it please God, in the churche yerde of the said Sedber, at the east ende of the churche, nye the graves of my mother and suster, and at the daie of buriall I will there be complete observannce done for my soule after the usage ther. Item for the use of the more honest, cleynly, and decent kepyng and wesshyng of the adornamentts belongyng the altars of the said churche, for the more reverence of the blessed sacrament there mynystred, as coporaxes, altar clothes, albys, towells, and suche other, I bewhethe twenty shelyngs to be ordered bi the discretion of the churchewardens and ther successours, for the tyme beyng, to uphold the said twenty shelyngs yerely with contynewannce, for the use and purpose afforsaid. Item I bewhethe other twenty shelyngs to be ordered in like maner bi the saide churchewardens and their successours, for the upholdyng of one seirge of waxe yerly with contynewance, to stande affor the blessed sacrament in the said churche. Item where there was negligence and oversight in the composition concernyng two scolarshippes in Saynt John College in Cambrige, for two scolars to be taken furth of Sedber scole,* as other ar, iff so be that the Maister and Felowes of the said College do cause the said composition to be reformed, to the trew intent, I give them for doyng therof the fourty and sevyn shelyngs and sex pens whiche Maister Fawcet receyved of me, and it is my will that the same be made up bi my executours and supervisours to the somme of sex pounds thirteyn shelyngs foure pens for the said intent. Item I bewheth to the churche of Topcliff, in remembrannce of the soule of my father there buryed, and all trew christiane soules, to be disposed in necessary thyngs of the said churche, bi the discretion of the churchewardens there, fourty shelyngs. Item I forgive Helen, wedow and late wyff of Christofor Hudson, all suche detts as he and she awght me at his departyng. Item I give to the said Helen and hir two dowghters Margaret and Elezabeth, al maner of suche my howshold stuff as they the said Christofor his wiff and I was at a price and a poynt of. Item I bewhethe to the said wedow fourty shelyngs for payment of the income of the tenement at Kirkby. Item I give to eyther of hir said dowghters, Margaret and Elezabethe, a masour cuppe and thre silver spones. Item I

* The school of Sedbergh had been, a very few years before the date of this will, founded and placed in connection with St. John's College, in Cambridge, by Dr. Roger Lupton, provost of Eton. We have here an additional arrangement with reference to two scholarships in the same college. The testator would appear to have been connected with the new foundation (probably as an assistant master), for in the sequel of the will we find him bequeathing silver spoons and books to his successor, "to the use of the fre scole at Sedber." Dr. Whitaker (Richmondshire, ii. 359) enumerates a goodly list of learned men who owed their education to Sedbergh school.

give to Thomas Metcalf, my suster son, and Robert his brother and his wiff, one obligation of sex pounds thirteyn shelyngs four pens, y^t^ I lent unto Edmunde Metcalf their father, and if he agre well with them for it, then I forgive him xv s. iiij d. y^t^ he aweth me besides the said obligation, and if he do not so agre withe them, then I give to the said Thomas and Robert the said xv s. iiij d. whiche he receyved in my name of the maister of th'ospitall. Item I bewheth to Sir James Gill prest, x s. to say one tryntall and to praie for my soule. Item to Sir Leonarde Fawcet, to say a tryntall in like maner, x s. Item to Sir Richarde Blande for one other tryntall and to praie for me, x s. Item I give to Sir John Beck, prest, my ridyng gown and my short gown and my worset jacket, with my sarsenet typett and a silver spone. Item to Sir Jefferay Archer my side gown and a silver spone. Item I assigne to my successor, to remayn to the use of the fowndation of the fre scole at Sedber, sex silver spones, with suche certayn of my bokes as shalbe delyvered bi indenture at the discretion of my executours, to remayn as heyre lomes to the said foundation. And the residew of my bokes I give to the said Sir John Beck. And I beseche the right worshipfull maister Marmaduke Tunstall, knyght, to witsave to be hede supervisour of this my last will and testament, to be performede to the trew intent, desiryng James Cowper and Rowlande Blande to be supervisours also, to help and fortify my executours to the trew intent of the same. And I make th'afforsaid Sir John Becke and Sir Jefferay Archer, chapplayns, my executours of this my last will and testament. And I will that they, withe the counsell of my said supervisours, distribute and dispose the superplusage and overplus of my goods, above not bewhethed, bi thair discretions to poore folks and in other dedys of charitie. And for the trew gentilnes of the said Maister Tunstall, shewed alredy, and speciall trust that I have in hym, to se this my last will performed, I will y^t^ his maistershippe have fourty shelyngs. And I will y^t^ my other supervisours and executours have ich one of them ten shelyng given, the daie and yere abovesaid. These witnesses, Sir Leonard Fawcet and Sir James Gill, chaplayns, and Henry Blande, with other.

XLV. SMYTHSON THOMÆ DE COWTON GRANGE TESTAMENTUM.

In the naime of God, Amen. In y^e^ ȝeyr of our Lord God M.ccccc.xliij^ty^, y^e^ sext day of November, I Tomes Smythson,* of

* The Smithsons were a very widely-spreading Yorkshire clan, and it is a hopeless task to endeavour to bring them to a common head. There was a gentlemanly family of that name settled at Moulton, and another at Newsham, near Kirkby Ravensworth,

Cowton grainge, of ye parychyn of Medylton Tyas, wyth a hooll wyll, and gud delyberacion, maiketh my last wyll and testament in yis maner folowyn — to be buryed within ye pariche chruche of Medylton Tyas. And I wyll all . . . . . belongyn to ye churche be gyffyn with faver. Item I wyll to ye sacrament for forgottyn theis xij d. Item I wyll to ye rood leight viij d. Item I wyll to evere preste beyng at my *Dirige* iiij d. To evere paryche clark ij d., and to all oither scollers and poor people as my freynds thynks gud. Item I gyff to Merget Hewbanke xxvj s. viij d., and xl s. at I awe to hyr. Item I gyff to my son Bryane Smythson chyldren xx s. Item I gyff to Iszabell Parkar my doygther xx s., and to hyr son Rycherd vj s. viij d. Item I wyl to Jon my yongest son off my awne part vj. pund. Item I wyll to my two doighters Fylles and Merget, either of thaime vj. pund. Also I gyff to Elsabeth my wyff ye thyrd part of all my gudds, movabyll and unmovabyll, and my farmad at I dwell in, duryng hyr wedohed, and my two sonns Christofor and Jon, and my two doighters Fylles and Mergatt, to be with hyr in ye overseyng of my sonns Tomes and Bryane. — Also I wyll, yff any of my chyldren wyll not be ordred, bot mysorder yer selfs, yen I wyll at yt chyld shall loes ye gyfft at I gaff to ye fore said chyld, and I wyll ye gyft be at ye order of my executors, supervisors, and frends. Also I mak and ordande my executors of yis my last wyll my sons Tomes Smythson, Bryane Smythson, and Christofor Smythson, to se at it be fulfilled, as I trust yat wyll. Also I gyff to evere one of thame xx s. for thare pannes takyn. Also I mak my supervisors of my wyll Sir Nycoles Smythson, Sir Robert Smyth, and Rolland Smythson, to se my executors fulfyll and performe this my last wyll as ȝe wold I dyd for youe in lyk cays. Wytnes of this, Sir Nycoles Smythson, Sir Robert Smyth, Sir Jon Nycolson, Rolland Smythson, Jams Tomson, with oither moo.

XLVI. JOHN COWPER.

In the name of God, so be it. 6 Jan. 1543. I John Cowper — my body to be buryed in the churche of Saynte Cuthbert of Aldingham. Also I will yt the person have his dutys, as is ryghte to be had. Also I wyll have one tryntall of masses saide for my soule the daye of my buryall, and I wyll yt every prest have vj d.

from which the Smithsons of Stanwick are descended. Their wealth was chiefly made by commerce in London, and one of them, Francis Smithson, who had settled as a merchant in Richmond, in his will, dated in 1670, desires "that noe mourning ribbons soe called be given to weare for me, and that none mourne in black for me, and noe bells to be rung for me." He was a Quaker, and directs his body to be buried in the Quakers' burial ground, behind the Friary.

and every scolar j d. Also I beqweth vj s. viij d. to makyng of a candelstycke in the hye qwhere before the sacrament. Also I beqweth a cyrpe clothe to the church. Also I beqwethe x s. to the mendyng of the way to the churche, if so be y^{t} the neyburs wyll bryng the stufe to the grounde.—Walter Curwen, gentylman, supevysor.

XLVII. JOHN COLLINGSON DE STAVELEY, TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The yere of our Lord God M.v^{c}.xliij., and the xviij. day of Januarii, Memorandum, y^{t} I John Colynson of the parish off Stavelay. — Fryst I gyffe and bequyeth my sowll to Allmyghty God my redemer, by qwhos detth and bludde sheyd I trust to be savyd, and my body to be bewreyd within the churche yerd of All Halowes of Stavelay, and my mortuarii to be payd according to the law. Also I gyffe to the mendyng of the heyway in the feld betwyxe my cloyce hend and Wylliam Persyne cloyce hend, vj d. Item I bequest to George Colynson my sonne all suche goods as my father Thos. Colynson dyd gyff the sayd George, as vj. sylver spoynes and one pare of beyds, with certayne jewells at the sayd beyds. Also I gyff to the sayd George one brindyd cow, ij. hole angells of gold, and xx^{ti} of hold groyts, cawlyd chekasydes, and my leyse of my fermold, y^{t} I . . . of my Lord Daykar of the soythe, and the lands my father bowght of Mr. Thos. Swayll, lyeng in Lestence hyll and Stawel feld; yet I wyll y^{t} Mergret Colynson my wyff shall have my fermold so long as sche schall kepe her wydow . . . The rest — I gyff and bequest to Mergret Colynson my wyff, and to George Colynson my son. — I constytute and ordane Robert Gybson my curayt, John Bayne, and Myles Gybson to be supervysors, — and I gyff to every one of my godchylderyng iiij d. a pece to pray for my sowll. Thes wytnesses, Persewall Popplton, ... Flynte, Robert Waynman, John Wryght, John Lewes, with other moy.

XLVIII. REDMAN RICHARD DE THORNETON TESTAMENTUM ET INVENTARIUM.

In the name of God, Amen. Anno Domini 1543. The xviij. daie of Marche, I Richard Redman of the parichenge of Thornton, gentilman, sicke in my bodie but of good and perfecte memore, God be praised, do make this my laste will and testament in maner and forme folowinge. First, I committe and geve my soul into the handis off Almightie God, my maker, savior, and onele redemer, and I will that my bodie be buried att

Thornton Churche, emongeste my ensetors. Wheras I have oweinge of Oliver Grenehood of Midleton six score pounds and sex marks, — I will y^{t} it paie my detts within the parichengs of Thornton and Engleton, and wheras it will not extende to paie theime all, that the reste be taken off my croppe. The firste fortie pounde, I will that it paie Mr. George Clapame, William Redman of London stone, and Thomas Reder parson of Thornton, and wheras it will not extende to paie them all, the reste to be taken of the fourescore pounde remaininge, as also xx^{li}. whiche I owe to Sir Richard Chalmelaie my brother in lawe, but my truste is suche which I do repose in hime that he will not take it of my poore childrens goods and not be better to them then that iff he will consider, as I truste he will, all things betwene hime and me: and the hole somme remaininge I will that it go to the lowseinge of Wraton tinde, the which tinde with the summes off the monei that shall remaine, and the yeres thatt remaine off my lease of the saide lande, I geve to my youngest children Francis Redman, John Redman, Margrett Redman, Caterine (?) Redman, and Marie Redman, and the moste advantage, so longe as the lease shall remaine and be off force, and then my sonne Marmaduke to renewe the lease. I geve to my sonne Marmaduke Redman one broche in my chiste. Also I will that my saide sonne occupie all suche grounde as I ame in possession of, and lowse all suche grounde as I have letten, for the same, to paie his mother hir dower therbie, maie be more able to helpe his bretheren and sisters the better. I geve to my sister Margarette one ringe of goolde. I geve to my wiffe my fower kine. I geve to my sister Blackeburne one broche, whiche she hathe in hir owne kepinge, well she knowethe where to have itt. I geve to my brother Thomas Redman one night gowne of mockeado with one paire of house of the same. Wheras Richard Parsivell owethe me five marks of lawfull Englishe monei, I geve hime the one halfe off itt and the rest to be paied at Candellmas nexte to my executors. Wheras I do owe my man since Millikse *(Michaelmas)* off his waiges a certain summe, in consideration thereoff I do geve hime my curtall nagge or fortie shelings ef monei. — The reste — I geve to my sonne Marmaduke Redman, Thomas Redman and Francis Redman my brethren, quhame I make executors of this my laste will and testament. I do maike supervisors off this my will Sir Richard Cholmelaie knighte my brother in lawe, Mr. John Redman of Thornton esquier my father, Richard Redman of Gressington, Thomas Morte, and Thomas Reder parsone of Thorneton. Witnesses heroff, Sir Thomas Feldhowse clerke, John Canffelde, William Procter, Eric Palicer, ... Redman, with others.

XLIX. TUNSTALL ALICIÆ DE FERNHAM TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In the ȝere of oure Lord God a thowsand fywe hondret and xliiij, and the xv^{t}. day of . . . . . , I Ales Tunstall of Ferneham, whedow — I gyff unto the kyrk thekyng,* xij d. Item I gyff unto Robert my son a . . . . . why and half an acre of whet. Item I gyff unto Jhenet my dogter a blak why and half an acre of whet. Item I gyff unto Sir John Pogson my curet viij d. to pray for my sall and all . . . . . sawlls. Item I gyff unto John Hogeson a boshell of ry. Item I gyff unto John Pyper . . . . a boshell of ry. Item I gyff unto Jhenet Bekerdyk my syster doghter an cote . . . . unto Robert her brother a hemp sheit. —

L. CHRISTOFER THOMSONN, VICAR OF BRYGNELL. TEST.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xvjth day of February, the yeare of oure Lord God M.ccccc.xliiij^{tie}, I Christofer Thomson, vicare of Brygnell — Firste, I bequeith my soule to Almyghtie God, to his blyssed mother of mercy our Lady Saynte Mary, and to the holy cowrte of hevyne, and my body to be buryed within the perisshe churche of Bernyngame, within the queare. Item I give to the hyghe alter xij d. Also I will that every preyst beyng at my burialle have vj d. and a dyner. Also I gyve to my sister Merygery xx s. Also I gyve to John Phylyppe my sister sonne xiij s. Also I gyve to every one of my brother John Thomson childre xx s. And over and besyde I gyve to Anthonye his sonne all my houshold geare and two oxe gange of lande that I bought of Mr. Thomas Sakkald. Also I gyve to my brother Laurence doughter iij li. xij s. Also I gyve to a preiste to celebraite and synge for me, my father my mother soules, and all crystenne soules, a hole yeare, iiij li. vj s. viij d. Also I will that every poore body being at my buryall have a looyffe of breade. The ryst of all my goods before not bequeathed, my detts paid, my will and legacys fullfillid, I gyve to John my brother, and Anthonye his sonne, whome I make myne hole executors of this my testament and last will. Thes beyng records, Sir Will'm Carter my curate, Rycherd Alderson, Raufe Thomson of the Greene Gyll, and William Pynckney of the Hoope, with others. Per me dominum Christoferum Thomson vicarium de Brygnell.

INVENTORIUM omnium bonorum mobilium et immobilium Chris-

* This term is now confined to a covering of thatch or straw. At that time it was equally applicable to lead, and so it is probably to be here taken.

toferi Tomson, vicarii de Brignell, nuper defuncti, appreciatorum per quatuor homines fide dignos, videlicet, Edmundum Sare, Willelmum Sigewicke, Johannem Elwand, et Willelmum Connyng.

Inprimis fyve kye, v li. Item an olde kowe, xij s. Item a horse, xx s. Item eight sterks, iij li. iiij s. Item xiiij. lambes, xxviij s. Item iij gymers, vij s. Item iiij kye, in the occupienge of Thomas Tomson, son of Lawrence Tomson deceased, iij li. xij s. Item fortie shepe, in the occupienge of the saide Thomas Tomson, iiij li. Item a twynter horse, in the hand of the said Thomas Tomson, xiij s. iiij d. Item tenne threffes of rye, vj s. viij d. Item three threffes of wheat, iij s. Item xxij. threffes of oytts, vij s. Item a stayke of hay, x s. *Howsholde stuf.*—Inprimis a cawdron, x s. Item two potts, iiij s. iiij d. Item two pannes, xx d. Item fouer bowlles, iij d. Item a gaveloke, xij d. Item a frienge panne, iiij d. Item powder vessel, iiij s. Item a chaffen dyshe, iiij d. Item an almerie, vij s. Item thre chestes and a troue, vj s. viij d. Item a cunter and two cupburds, x s. Item a baslard, vj d. Item iron geyre, vj s. viij d. Item two candelsteks, viij d. Item his beddinge, xiij s. iiij d. Item foure shartts and a bourd clothe, vi s. viij d. Item two dublets and a jerkinge, vj s. viij d. Item a gowne and two jackitts, two hatts and a (velvet nyght) cape, iij li. Item seven sylver sponnes xx s. Item a bayde and two chayres, xij d. Item a pare of racks and a spet, and a rakinge crooke and a pare of tonges, ij s. Summa, xxvj li. x s. iiij d. *Debita quæ ei debentur.*—Imprimis, Thomas Asgyll, xxxviij s. iiij d. Item John Philepe, xl s. Item William Fenny, xix s. Item John Jakson, xx s. Item James Philepe yonger, xx s. Item Richarde Fogerthwayt, xx s. Item John Brignell of Whastone, x s. Item William Barnengam, ij s. vj d. Item John Scott, x s. Item Michaell Wharton, vj s. viij d. Item Roland Ewbancke wyf, ij s. vj d. Item Myles Shaw, xvj d. Item Anthony Johnson of Newsame, v s. Item Robert Brignell of Newsame, iiij s. vj d. Item parsone of Barnengam, xxx s. iiij d. Item Philepe of Barnengham, x s. Item Thomas Tomson, xvj s. viij d. Item the saide Thomas, iij li. vj s. viij d. Item the saide Thomas, xx s. xx d. Item . . . Tomson, iij li. . . . . .

LI. WILLIAM CLOWDESLYE* OF CUNDALL CLERKE.

In the name of God, Amen. The sext daye . . . . . and in yere of oure Lorde God, 1545, I William Clowdeslye of Cundall,

* The will and inventory of a curate in the lower district of Richmondshire. His worldly goods are somewhat above the average in extent and value; he has at least

clerke, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowinge. Fyrst I be . . . and geve my soule to Almightye God, and my bodye to be buryed in the churche of Toplyffe. Item I geve to Roberte Russell wyeffe one all blacke. Item I geve to Robert Whitteker v s. Item to Margarett Fawconbridge v s. Item Margaret Ellesley v s. Item to Sir William Graye sext shillings in goulde. Item to William Waller v s. Item I geve iij s. iiij d. to Toplyfe churche. Item I geve one cowe, called Sylver Topp, and one calfe, and one grey mare, and a folle, to Katherinn Tinckard my servant. The rest — I geve to William Whittecar my cosyn, and to Katherine Tynckard my servannt. — Witnesses hereof, Sir William Graye clarke and William Waller, with others. Per me Wylliam Clowdyslyn, per me William Graie clericum, per me William Waller. *Detts owynge unto the sayd testator.*—Inprimis, Edward Gibson, sex pounds for his wages. Item ij bushell of whete. Item John Fawconbridge, for certayne grounde and howsold stuffe, x li. Item Katherine Faucet, iij s. Item Edmund Casse of Colthorp, iij s. iiij d.

In INVENTARYE of all Sir Wylliam Clowdeslye goods departed, moveable and unmoveable, pryced by Lawrence Walter, Thomas Allanson, Jhon Walker, and Rawfe Kyde, vj. of Aprill, 1542, as folowyth. Imprimis, a old awmerye, a chayre, a chyst, a table, with other wood hustilment in the howsse, v s. Item a great cawdron, ij. ketles, the one bownd, the other not bownd, x s. Item v. litle pannes, xvj d. Item a brase pote, a possenet, and a candlestyk, vj s. Item xij. pewther disches, ij. sawcers, ij. saltes, and a potager, v s. iiij d. Item ij. rekens, a payre of tenges, a payre of pot hokes, a brole yron, a cresset, a spete, a fryeng pan, ij. hatchettes, and a cobeyron, iij s. iiij d. Item one blake saton jaket, a worset jaket, a frese jaket, and a payre of hose, xiij s. iiij d. Item a lether dublet, a chamlet dublet, a old worset dublet, iiij s. Item a longe gowne, x s.; a schorte gowne, x s. Item his gyrdle, his purse and money in it, xl s. Item ij. cappes and a nyghte cappe, iij s. Item a fether bed, ij. old mattresses, five pyllowes, xvj s. Item vth coverlets, a blanket and a wynd clothe, v s. Item ij. lyne shetes, ij. samerayn shetes, ij. payre of herdyn shetes, v s. Item iiij. stone of hempe, iij. score len and xth of herdyn gayrne, x s. Item paynted clothes, ij s. Item iiijth barels, a litle maskfatte, a chyrne, ij. standes, with other wod hustlement, iij s. iiij d. Item a bus. of wheat, ij. bus of rye, iiij. baken flykes, a payre of new shoes, xv s. Item a trowghe and wod abowte the howse, xij d. Item a mayre with a fole, xxvj s. viij d. Item ij kye and a calfe, xl s.

inherited a somewhat romantic name, although the most subtle genealogist would find it difficult to trace the relationship between the curate at Cundall and the archer of Cumberland.

vj s. viij d. Item a sew, iij s. Item ij. ewes, ij. lamms, and ij. hogs, viij s. Item a coke, iij. hennes, and ij. guese, xvj d. Summa xij li. iiij s. iiij d.

Item payd for the funerall expences, xlv s. viij d. *Dets owen to the testator.*—Imprimis, to Edward Guybson, for wayges, v li. Item ij. bus. of wheat. Item Katheryn Fawcett, iij s. Item John Fawconbrydge, for certayne grownde and houshold stuff, xl s. Item Edmund Casse, iij s. iiij d. Summa Debitorum viij li. vj s. iiij d. *Dets qwiche the testator dyd owe.*—Imprimis, to Lawrenc Walter, xiij s. iiij d. Item Wm. Forde, iiij s. viij d.

LII. MATHEW WITHAM TESTAMENT OF BRETENBY.

In the name of God, Amen. The fyfte day of August, in the yere of our Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth and xlv^{ti}, and in the xxxvij^{ti} yere of the reingne of our soveran lord kyng Henry th'eght, by the grace of Gode kyng of England, France, and Ireland, and in erth suppreme hed of the church of England and Irelande. I Mathew Wytham,* of Bretanby, hoolle of mynd and wyll, consyderyng and knawyng the mutabilitie and unstablenes of this transytory warlde, and that after mannes fraylnes of condycons deyth to every creatour is certan, and the hower thereof is most uncertan, not wylling to dy intestate, therfor in the helth of my soulle I provyde and ordan this my present testament contenyng my last wyll in maner and forme folowyng, that is to say: Fyrst, and principally above all erthly thyngs, I beqwyett and recommend my soull unto Almyghtty God, my maker, saveyor, and redemer of all the warlde, to our blessed Lady Saynt Mary, his most gloryus moder, and to all the holy company of heven, and my body to be buryed where it shall please God. Alsso I wyll to the hy alters of Sanct John church, and of Saynt Cuthbert's, for all my forgotten tythes, vj s. viij d. eqwally to be dyvyded betwix them. Alsso I wyll vj s. viij d. to Terryngton church, where my moder is baryed.† Alsso I will to our Lady

* The testator was the head of the junior branch of the house of Witham of Cliffe, which had settled at Brettanby. He was twice married, and left issue by both wives. The will of his eldest son William will be found above. His son Henry Witham purchased the manor of Ledeston and left numerous descendants. He had two other sons, Thomas and Cuthbert. The latter was in holy orders, and was probably rector of Adell from 1553 to 1581. He also makes mention of two daughters in his will. The will of his wife will occur hereafter.

† The testator's mother, Janet Wauton, was one of the two daughters and coheirs of John Wauton, Esq., of Cliffe. She probably died when she was on a visit to her kinsmen the Gowers, and was buried in Terrington church, near Malton, the burial-place of that ancient family. She was connected with them through the marriage of her nephew, John Witham of Cliffe, with Agnes Gower, who was his third cousin, and the dispensation from Lewis, cardinal of St. Marcel, sanctioning the marriage, dated 7 April, 1507, is still preserved in the muniment room at Lartington.

church in Barton iij s. iiij d. Alsso I wyll to Sir Marmaduce, my preyst, iiij li. to syng on yere where my body shalbe buryed, and pray for my soule, fader and moder soules. Alsso I wyll to the hares of Bretanby on goblett of sylver gylted, and the coveryng, with armes upon it, which shalbe in the custody off George Jakeson of Bedall, my son in lawe, to he cum to lawfull age; alsso on seystern of leyd for stepyng of maulte, and on great counter. Alsso I gyffe and wyll to the said hares of Bretanby on challes, bukes, and vestyments, and all other ornaments belongyng to the chapell, alsso a mellay pott with a kylp, a chaffer, a brewyng leyyd, with all vessell belonging to the same; and my wyffe to have the chaffer during hyr lyffe. Alsso I gyffe, wyll, and beqwath to my two sonnes, Thomas Witham and Sir Cuthbert Witham, lands and tenements in Bretanby to the yerely valor of iiij. merks, for terme of their lyffs, according to a deyd ther of mayd by me the said Mathew, and possessyon delyvered to them accordingly, which deade beryth date etc. Alsso I gyffe and wyll to Elsabeth Jakeson, my doughter, on ryall, to make hyr a ryng off. Alsso I wyll to George Jakeson, my son, a nobyll to mak hym a ryng of. Alsso I wyll to my syster Janett Jakeson a nobyll, to mak hyr a ring with all. Alsso I wyll to Agnes Culwen my doughter on ryall, to mak hyr a rynge of. Alsso I wyll to Thomas Culwen esqwyer, my son, a nobyll to make hym a ryng with all. Alsso I wyll to Ales Franke fyve markes, to the preferment of hir maryage. Alsso I wyll to the ryght honorable and my syngular gud lord John lorde Scrope, on sylver spone gylted, trusting and desyering hym to be gud lord to my wyffe and my chylder. Alsso I wyll to John Atkynson, for his dyligent serves done to me in tymes past, the over Guse Holme, for the terme of his lyffe, and on dublett of wylde ledder. Alsso I gyff and wyll to Sir Marmaduce my prest the ij lytle undermore Goyse Holmes, for the terme of his lyffe. Alsso I gyffe and wyll to Sir Thomas Peyrson the vicar of Manfeld, to Sir Robert Wysehed, and to Sir Thomas Wylson, every on of them a sylver spone. Alsso I gyffe and wyll y^{t} Elsabeth my wyffe have the feofement and junter lands and tenements, to the valor of x. pounds by ȝere, with commons upon the more therto belonging, as appereth more planely in a deyd berynge date the iiijth day of the moneth of May, anno regni regis Henrici octavi post conquestum Angliæ xxiij^{o}. Alsso I wyll that the said Elsabeth have all hir reperell that belongeth to hir body, with hir chamer as it is. Alsso I wyll that Elsabeth my wyffe shall have on sylver salte with a coveryng duryng hir lyff, and after hyr deyth to remayn to John Jakeson, my doughtter son, of Bedall. Alsso I wyll that the sayd Elsabeth have thre mylke kye, to go in the kowe close, and

ij lawe chamers upon the west syde of the larder howse, wherof the chamer y^t I ly in to be on, if so it shall please hyr, in satisfactyon of hir porcion of guddes, with xx^ti of my best ȝowes, two brase potts, a more and a les, a calderon, a pan, vj. pewder dublers, vj dishes of pewder, and sex salsars, on basen, iiij cadilstyks, ij. of my speytts, a cobhyron, a lytyll counter standing in the hall, and ij. sylver spones. Alsso I will to Francis Gervington vj s. viij d. Alsso to Wylliam Gervyngton vj s. viij d. Alsso I wyll to every preyst beyng at my buryall viij d. Alsso to every paresh clerk iiij d., and to every scolar j d. Alsso I wyll to every on of my servands, beyng with me at my departour, xx d. The resydew of all my guddes not beqwyett, my detts payd, my funerall expenses maide, and my wyll fulfylled, I gyffe them to Henry Wytham and George Jakeson my sonnes, whome I put in trust to se thys be performed. Alsso I gyff and wyll to the right hares of Bretanby two long speytts and a trussing . . . . Alsso I gyffe and wyll xl s. to be distrybute emonge the pure people of Barton, Manfeld, Cleysby, Croft, Mydilton, Sant Johns, and Melsamby. In witnes of thes premysses, Anthony Cateryk vicar of Manfeld, Sir Robert Wisehed, Sir Thomas Wylson, Robert Wylde, and John Atkynson, the day and ȝere above said. Per me Matheum Witham.

INVENTARIUM bonorum Mathei Whitham, nuper de Brettynby, appreciatorum per Johannem Ward, Petrum Manfell, Robertum Wyld, et Henricum Clemett, xiiij^to die Novembris, anno regni regis Henrici xxxvij^o.

Inprimis, in quyck goods, vij. oxen, price of every on xvj s. Item vij. kye and calffes, price of every on xv s. Item vj. styrks, price of every on vj s. viij d. Item iiij. fylle stags, price of every on x s. Item a sored horse, price xiij s. iiij d. Item xxxvj. yowes, price of every on xvj d. Item xxij. lambs, price of every on xviij d. Item a wayne and geyr to the same, xiij s. iiij d. Item ij. plowes, ij s. Item iiij. yocks and iiij. temes, iiij s. Item a payr of harrowes, iiij d. Item iij. swyne, price of every on ij s. Item . . . xl s. Item in whett and rye in the layethe, xxvj s. viij d. Item warre corne in the laythe, xxvj s. viij d. Item ix. acres of whett and rye in the felds, price of every acre v s. Item howshelinent of howshold stuff, xxx s.

Summa totalis xxviij li. xv s. iiij d.

LIII. SINGLETON JOHANNIS TESTAMENTUM.

In the name of God, Amen. Th'eght daye of October, in the yere of owr Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth and xlv^ty. I

John Syngleton, holle and perfite of memorye, thankes be to my Maker, consyderyng myself mortall and the tyme uncerteye, bot when hit schall please Almygtye God to call me to his infenyte mercye, for the redynes and savetye of my mynd, when his visitacon schall come, and redresse of my chyldren and mye goudds for the helthe of my sawle, make this my wille and testament in fourme foloyng. Fyrstly, I bequeathe my sawle to God Almyghtye, to owr Ladye Seynct Marye, and to all the blessed congregacon of heavyn, and my bodye to be buryed afore the crosse within the churche ȝord of Seynct Mychaills upon Wyre, and mye mortuarye to the curet accordyng the lawe. Also I giffe toward the belles x s., wherof I have paid v s. Also I gifve toward the churche and buyldyng of the steple of Seynct Mychaills xl s. Also I wille y^t^ William my soone have xx s. Also I giffe toward the mendyng of the hye weye in Barton land, bytwixe Broughton churche and Byrkheid stele, xx s., and other xx s. toward the mendyng of the hye weye within Michaills parishe, wheare hit shalbe thought most nedefull. Also I wyll y^t^ Christofer Ellyson and Robert Ellyson have xx s. bytwixe theyme for suche goudds as I had of thers. Also I wille and gifve the good wille of my house and all my tacks and bargaynes to Margaret mye wife and Henrye my sone — Margaret my wife and Henrye my soone, my trustye and lawfull executors, — my father in lawe James Barton, supervisour — as my speciall trust is in hym, as knaweth Jesus, whome have my sowle in his tuycion celestiall. Amen. These beyng witnes of this mye wille, Rycherd Blakborne, Robert Ballert, Hug Bond, Thomas Grene, Rauffe Crosse, with others.

LIV. MARGARET COWLING NUPER DE DE RICHMOND TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The laste daie of Marche, in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundrethe fourtie and fyve, I Margrete Cowling,* of Richmond, wydowe, of an hole mynde and memorie, ordayn and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing. Firste, I bequeathe my soule to Almightie God, to our Ladie Sanct Marie, and to all the blessed compenye of heaven, and my bodie to be buried within Sanct John closet yf there be anie rowme. Item I bequeathe to everye

* An interesting will, which is valuable as it contains the foundation of an obit in Richmond church. The prudent lady wisely but fruitlessly revokes her legacy in favour of her right heirs, in case any alteration should be made in the laws under which the obit was established. Her descendants for many generations ranked among the head burgesses of Richmond, and the name is not yet extinct in the town.

preste present at my buriall, iiij d. Item I bequeathe to scollers whiche use to maynteyne God service moste xij d. Item I bequeathe for forgotten tiethes xij d. Item I geve and bequeathe to my sonn Raffe Cowling the messuage or burgage that I dwell in, with all th'appurtenances, whiche I boughte and purchesed of John Garthwayt chapleyne, and also a stable withe a lofte on the west syde, whiche I purchesed of John Tristram of Midleton Tyas gentilman, to have and to hold — for ever. Item I geve and bequeathe to my sonn William Cowling one messuage or burgage — whiche I bought and purchased of Mr. John Fulthroppe of Hipsewell esquyre, to have and to holde — for ever. Item I geve and bequeathe unto the said William all my right, title, possession, and interest of a close lying in Whitliffe. — Item I bequeathe to the said William a sylver peece, foure silver spones, a counter standing in the highe chamber, a great cheste standing also in the highe chamber, towe kymlings for salting of beefe, the one of woode the other of leade, one father bedd with all things therto belonging, towe bedds of materesses with all things therto beloning, and all my brewing vessells. Item I bequeathe to Isabell Emondson my brothers doughter a bedd of clothes and a cowe. Item I bequeathe to Thomas Beyne my sister sonn one yong cowe. Item I geve and bequeathe the close lying in Craving gayte — to an obite to be done yearelie on mondaye next and immediatlye folowing lawe sondaie, for my husbande soule and myne, and all christen soulls, for one and twentie years, according to the king's magestie statute, and so after that for other one and twentie years, and so for evermore after if the kings lawes will suffer, and that this maie be performed I putt the churchwardons in possession of the said close, and thei to offer the headmes penie, and to tayke yerelie to the churche worke the daie of the obite xij d., and to geve the paroche prest viij d., to everie gylde preste of the towne iiij d., to the schollers viij d., and to geve that which remayneth of the said close to poore folks, at the discrecion of the churchwardons, eight pence onelye except, whiche I geve and bequeathe yearelye to the baliffs for the tyme being, to see the premisses truelie performed. Provided always that yf the close maie not go to the use afore menconed after the space of the said one and twentie years, by reason of anie statute or statutes before made or hereafter to be made, then I geve and bequeathe the said close to my sonnes Raffe and William, to the one th'one half and to the other the other half, to have and to holde the said close unto theim and to their heires for ever. The residue — I geve to my sonnes Raffe and William, whome I make myne executors. These witnesses, Raffe Lynewraye, Richard Bynks, Cristofer Cothum, Thomas Lambert, Sir

John Akrigg, Sir John Moore, John Owthwayte, Sir William Lofthus, George Vlloke, with others moo. Per me Johannem Morum Ludimagistrum. Item I geve to Charles Jonson and to Raffe Lynwraye, to either of them iij s. iiij d., whom I make supervisors of this my last will, to see yt truelye fulfilled and performed, as my trust is thei will do. [Pr. 5 May, 1546.]

LV. TESTAMENTUM JACOBI DUFFIELD.

In the name of God, Amen. The vj. day off Apryell, in the yere off ower Lorde God M.cccc.xlvj. I James Duffield, off Norton in the parysshe off Wathe — First I gyve and bequeithe my sowle into the handes and kepyng off the Holye Trinite, for by the dethe and passyon of hys blyssyd sonne Jesus, I trust to be saved throwgh the helpe and prayere off our blyssyd Ladye hys mother, and all the holye companye off hevyn, and my bodye to be buryed in the churche earthe of our blyssyd Ladye at Wathe beforesade, so neye unto the place where as the bodyese off my wyffe and my chyldren dothe lye (as may be sufferyd), and I gyve unto the churche workes xij d. Also I wyll that ther shalbe mass and *Dyryge* with note the day off my buryall, and that ther shalbe the sade day fyve masses sade, *De Quinque Vulneribus Christi*, yf so be that ther be copye (*sic*) companye of prestes suffycyent to celebrate the same. Also I gyve unto John Wenslei my sonne and to Margrete my dowghter, hys wyff, or to the longer lyver off them, xiij s. iiij d. by yere, which I dyd purchase upon John Wenslei the elder, furthe off the demanes at Preston, and after the dyscese of the sade John Wenslei the yonger and Margrett my dowghter hys wyff I wyll that the sade xiij s. iiij d. by yere shall remane to Francys Wenslei, the heire of there bodyese lawfully begottyn, and to hys successours for ever. Also I gyve unto the said John Wenslei and to Margrett my dowghter hys wyffe ij. key orels xvj s. viij d. to bye ij. key withall. Also I wyll that Stevyn Duffeld shal have viij s. wyche I do owe unto hym, the last pament of hys chyldes porconn. And I gyve unto Annesse Duffeld, hys syster, and to hyr dowghter, ij. yowes and ij. lambes, notwithstanding she haythe had hyr chyldes porconn to the uttermost peny, and I gyve to Janet Atkynson, my madyn servand, a gemer lambe. Also I gyve unto my master, Master John Norton, an oxe to hys kechyng, to be good master unto my wyffe and James my son. The resydew — I gyve unto my wyffe and the sade James my sonne, and I wyll that my wyffe and the sade James shalbe myne executors of this my last wyll. And also I wyll that Master Thomas Norton and John Wenslei

my son shalbe the supervysores of thys my last wyll, and I gyve unto Master Thomas Norton a crossebowe with the rakke for the same, for hys panes in that behalf, the wyche crossebowe with the rakke ys in the kepying of the sade John Wenslei my sonne. Recordes hereoff, Master Thomas Norton, Sir William Armyne and Sir John Jake, Richard Tatham, John Wilson, and Sir John Blakburne, with others. [Prob. 18 April, 1548.]

The INVENTORIE of all the gudds of Jamys Duffeld of Norton, prasyd by thes fowr men, Richard Tatham, Wyllyam Pykkerd, John Wylson, and John Rylston.

Fyrst sex oxyn iij l. viij s. Item sex kye iiij l. Item iij. styrks and on calfe xxxij s. Item iiij. cowfys and on fole xxv s. Item on mere, on hold horse, and on stag xlvj s. Item xl. scheppe vj l. Item for xj. acre of vynter corne iiij l. viij s. Item wete and rye within the barne xxv s. Item for berle within the barne xij s. Item fyfe yong swyne x s. Item for geysse, henes and mawlerds ij s. Item wane plew with all maner of thyngs to them belonggyng xx s. Item for iij. hold kettylls and iiij. panes . . . . Item for iiij. hold potts and on posnet . . . . Item for pewder ix s. Item on hold hewer and iiij. candylstyks ij s. Item on hold harke, on calle, and on cownter with all the ustylment within the hows, viij s. Item salte flesh x s. Item vij. chysts iiij s. Item ij. quarter of berle viij s. viij d. Item on gylfatte and on maskefatt ij s. Item ix. schettys and iiij. pyllows xj s. Item on mattres, fowr coverletts, on wyndocheth vj s. Item all the ustymente within the seller and chamer ij s. Item on howd leydd iij s. Summa totalis xxxij l. xiv s. viij d.

DEBITORE. Fyrst to Mayster John Norton, for rent, iij l. x s. Item to Angnes Duffeld xiij s. iiij d. Item to Mayster Gowr, ix s. Item to Gylls Hellerbeke vj s. viij d. Item to Rychard Tatamme vij s. vj d. Item for servands wags xxxv s. Item to Angnes Day iij s. iiij d. Item for reparacons xxxv s.

Summa debitorum . .	ix l. iiij s. x d.
Summa de claro . . .	xxiij l. x s. x d.

Anno Domini M^{c}.xlviij. tercio die mensis Marcii.

LVI. JEFFAYREY PINCKNAYE TESTAMENT.*

In Dei nomine, Amen. The laste day of Maye, in the yere of our Lorde Gode a thowsande fyve hundredth xlvj. I Jeffray

* The will of a Richmond weaver, which is valuable, as it tends to prove that each trade in Richmond kept a light burning in the church before the sacrament.

Pynckney, of Rychmonnde — Feyrste I bequeth my soulle to Almyghtie God, to our Ladye Sancte Marye, and to all the blyssyd companye in heaven, and my body to be beryde in the churche yerde of our Ladye in Rychmounde aforesayde. Item I bequethe v s. for one tryntall of messes to be doyne for my soull, and all christiane soulles. Item I bequeth to the churche worke viij d. Item I wyll that Thomas Amgyll shall gyve iiij d. yerelie to the leyght belongyng to our occupacion before the sacrament, so long as the saide Thomas and my wyffe can agre that he shall have the occupacion of my worke lomes. Item I gyve to the saide Thomas the lome, that he workythe apon, with all thyngs therto pertenyng. Item I gyve to Annes Pyncknye a cowe — The resydew — I gyve to Jenett my wyffe, whiche I make myn executrice. Thes wytnesses, Chrystofer Cottom, Jeffray Ward, Sir John Acrygge, with other mooe.

LVII. ALISON HEIGHINGTON OF RICHMOUNT.

In the nayme of God, Amen. The xxvij. of Novembre, in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundrethe fortie and sexe, I Alison Heighington* of Richmount, widowe — First, I bequethe my sowle to Almightie God, to o^{r} La . . . Sanct Marie, and to all the holie companie of heven, my bodie to be buried in the southe churche porche, as nye as may be where my husband bodie was buried. Also I bequethe to Margarete, to Agnes, to Thomisine and Jennet, my dowghters, to everye of them a bedd of clothes. Also I bequethe to Symon and Robert my sonnes, Thomisine and Jennet my dowghters, to every of theym three silver spones withe mayden heids. Also I bequethe to Margarete and Agnes, my dowghters, to either of theym thre silver spones of an other sort. Also I give to my sonne Symon a flatt silver pece stamped. Also I give to my sonne Robert a goblett of silver gilt with a cover. Also I give to my dowghter Margarete a litle silver pece pounced. Also I give to dowghter Agnes a silver salt without a cover. Also I give to Thomisine my doughter a silver goblet with a cover. Also I give my dowghter Jennet a silver goblett with this inscription **Soli Deo honor et gloria.** Also I give to William Heighington vj s. viij d. Also I bequethe to my son

* The testatrix was of a respectable Richmond family, and was more than usually wealthy in plate and household gear. Her son Robert was secretary to the earl of Northumberland. In the Rising in the North he shared his master's fortunes, but escaped to the Low Countries, and continued there in attendance upon the countess of Northumberland. He was living at Namur in 1577. Her son Simon became a burgess of Richmond, and died peaceably at home. The *lacunæ* in this will are filled up from the register.

Simon the great basing and the great laver, with the pudre pounced basing and laver. Also I give to my son Robert a basing and huer of pudre. Also I bequethe to my dowghter Thomisine a pounced latyn basyn. Also I give to my dowghter Jennet a playn latyn basinge. Also I give to my dowghter Isabell my best gowne. Also I give to my dowghter Agnes my best silver croks. Also I give to my dowghter Thomisine a girdle with penons and buckle of silver. Also I give to my dowghter Jennet my best beads of silver and corell. Also I give to my sonnes Simon and Robert two of the best candlestocks and other two candlestocks with law flowers. Also I give to my dowghters Margaret, Agnes, Thomisine, and Jennet, to every of theym two candlestocks. Also I bequethe to my sonnes Simon and Robert sex pudre dublars, fower disshes and fower saucers, of London vessell. Also I will that xviijth dublars, xiij disshes, and ix. saucers be equallie devidet into fyve parts, and fower parts theirof I give to Margarete, Agnes, Thomisine, and Jennet my dowghters. Also I give to Mr. Richard Bowes a silver pott with a cover. Also I give to Richard Crosbie a masser with silver gilt. Also I bequethe to John Crosbie and Christober Crosbie, to either of them a silver spone. Also I give to my brother Sir William Teisdaile iij s. iiij d. Also I give to my sister Margarete Day a silver ring gilte. The residew of my goodds (my debts trulie paied) I give to Simon and Robert Heighington my sonnes, whome I make myne executors. Also I make Mr. Richard Bowes and Richard Crosbie supervisors of this my last will and testamente, hartelie and for Godd's sake desiringe theym, so far as in theym liethe, to se it trulie executed and fulfilled. Theis witnesses, Charles Jonson, Thomas Cooke, John Chappell, John Owthait, Sir John Moore, and Sir John Acrigge.

[Prob. 8 Jan. 2 Edw. VI.]

LVIII. ROBERT BARGHT.

February 8, 1546. I Robert Barght — to be buried at Topclyfe. Item I wyll have that deryge and mes be songe for my soulle and my frendes and all cryssyng sowlls the day of my beryall, with all the pressts belonyng to the parryssyng. Item I will have dekyng and subdekyng. Item I wyll gyve to the blyssyd sakerment vj d. Item I wyll gyve to our blyssyd Lady iij d. Also I gyffe xx d. to by one torche to burne before the sakerment. The remainder to my wyfe, Sir Robert Baryghe viker of Huntyngeton, and Richard Barghe.

LIX. MILONIS LODGE DE BEDALL TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xvijth day of May, in the yere of our Lorde Gode M°.c.xlvij°., I Miles Loodge of Bedaill, tanner, hoill of mynde, and gud of memorie, maketh this my last will in maner and forme folowinge. Firste beqweith my saull to Allmyghttie Gode, and my body to be buried within the parishe chirge of Sancte Gregorie in Bedaill aforesaide, and my mortuarie as the lawe requyrith. Item I give to Richarde Loodge my sone, Elezabeth and Ysabell my doughtters, of my parte of goods vij li., overe and besydes theire childreparts. Item I give to some honeste preast to pray for my saulle, and cristen saulls, halff a yere service, as my executors and he can agre. Item I give to the hye alter for oblited thiethes a newe altare clothe. Item I give to George Loodge my sone all my harnnes. Item I give to Katerin Knawoode iij s. iiij d. and my sister Graynger iij s. iiij d. Item to Ysabell Symson a sylver spone. Item to Robert Loodge my brother a sylver spone, and to his wiff a silver spone. The resydew — my bodie buried honestly, I give to my wiff and my children — Also I make Richarde Neilson, John Symson, John Metcalff, supervisors of this my last will — and they to have for theire paynes takyng x s. and theire costes borne. Thes beinge witneses, Richarde Neilson, John Clerke, Edwarde Atkynson, and thay to have xx s. a peice.

LX. JEFFERAYE CHARDER* TESTAMENTUM.

Aug. 17. 1547. I Jeffra Charder of Reith — to be buried in the churche yearde of Saynte Androwes at Grynton, with my mortuarie and deutties of holye kyrke nowe accustomed by the lawe. Item I bequyeth to the heyght aulter thare, for my tytheis and oblacons negligently forgotton, xij d. Item I will that every prest of Grynton churche shall have at day of my buriall viij d. Item I gyve to every house in Reith ij d. Item I bequyeth towards the beyldyng of Grynton brege xx s. Item I will y^{t} my executors shall bye one tree of one foote brode, and laye yt over Waveland becke. —

* The will of a clergyman at Grinton of the same name will be found above.

LXI. WILLIAM WYLDE TESTAMENT OF EAST COWTONNE. PROBAT THE XXX. OF MARCHE.

IHC. In Dei nomine, Amen. In the yeire off our Lorde God M°.ccccc.xlvij°, y^e^ xxx° day off October, I Wylliam Wylde,* of Est Cowton, hole of mynde and gud of memory, maks and ordayns this my last wyll and testament in maner and forme folowynge. Fyrst I wyl my soule to God Allmyghtie, my maker, to his mother of mercye, and to all the holy company in heven, my body to be buried within y^e^ church yeard off Est Cowton. Item I wyl my mortuary to be gyven after y^e^ statutes off this realme. Item I wyl a vestment to be gyven to churche off Est Cowton. Item I wyl to be distribeted emonge my neyghbowrs of Est Cowton xxiij s. iiij d. Item I wyl to y^e^ powre folks off Byrtby ij s. Item I wyl to the powre folks of North Cowton ij s. Item I wyl to y^e^ mendynge and raparaconynge off the hye ways and y^e^ cawsey in Longcowton, yff y^e^ neyghbours wyll lye upon y^e^ ground off ther costs syche thyngs as is necessarye for y^e^ mendynge of y^e^ saym, xl s. Allways provided y^t^ I gyve yt to none other use but all only to y^e^ mendynge off y^e^ seid hye ways and causey. Item I wyl to my mayster, Rychard Vincent, an amlynge mayre, to be gud mayster to my wyfe and my chyldren, as my very faythfull tryst ys in hyme. Item I wyl to Mathewe Wyld a yowe and a lame. Item I wyl to Christofer Wyld a yowe and a lame, my brother son. Item I wyl to Peter Warde a yonge qwy, and to Christofer Ward a yowe and a lame. Item I wyl my fermhold in Cowton to my wyffe by y^e^ lycence off y^e^ lorde, and y^e^ west close off Smeton, and a medow close next adyonynge to Cowton feilde in y^e^ Mawelayns, durynge y^e^ yeares off my lease, and, yff yt happen hir before y^e^ seid terme to departe, then I wyl to my son Robert and my son Christofer — Item I wyl to my sons Robert and Christofer all y^e^ rest off my fermhold, whiche I nowe ocupye or hayth by lease, and to devyde theme equaly betwyxt them bothe. Item I wyl y^t^ Margaret my wyffe and my brother Sir John Wyld have y^e^ order off all my guds whiche ys within my house, and to dyspose yt as they thynke most nedfull. Item I wyl my brother Sir John and my brother Robert Wylde to be supervisors off this my last wyll and testa-

* A tenant under the family of Vincent at East Cowton and Smeaton. The testator appears to have amassed considerable wealth, and is the founder of a gentlemanly family, which, at the close of the sixteenth century, settled at Hunton, and intermarried with some of the best blood in Yorkshire. It disappears in the middle of the next century, and was probably swallowed up in that great stream of rebellion which swept away many a fair inheritance and changed the fortunes of many a gentle Cavalier.

ment.—The resedew — I wyl to my wyffe Margaret Wylde, my son Robert Wylde, and my son Christofer Wylde, whome I ordayn and makes my hole executors, joyntly all thre to geder, and to dyspose for ye heilthe off my soule, as my very faythfull tryst ys in theym. Wytnesses hereoff, John Lasynby, Rychard Ynglyshe, Robert Warde, and Peter Warde, with others moo.

Inventory.—Sum, lxxiiij li. x s. vj d.—Dett awynge by Wylliam Wyld—Inprimis, to ye Erle off Lenox, viij li. ix s. iiij d. Item to mayster Rychard Vyncent, vj li. Item to mayster John Clarvax, vij s. Item to Robert Wyld ye elder, viij li.

LXII. JENNET HILTONN TESTAMENT, PARYSHE OF FYNGALL, A POURE BLYND WEDOW.

In the nayme of God, Amen. The xxti day off Apprell, the yeire off our Lord God Mccccc.xlviijti, that I Annes Hyltton, a powre blynd wedow, off the town and parichyng off Fyngell, seke in body, holl and constant of reason and remembrance, dothe make and ordayn my last wyll and testament as herafter shall folowe. Fyrst I beqwyth my sowl to Almyghty God, my maker and redemer, wych bowght yt wyth hys precyous blod, and my body to be funerat within the churcheyerd of Fyngell aforesayd. Item I gyff and beqwyth unto Wylliam Hylton on presser, on arke, and on trowe. Item I gyff and beqwyth unto Elsabeth Percevell on almery, on brace pott, ij. panns, two powder dysshes, on happyng, with other small bedyng and my sympyll rayment, with the rest of one cowe left of my forth bryngyng, or ells on whye styrke of two ȝeirs old, the wych guds I leve and put in trust with my son in law John Howchyson and my nawn dowghter hys wyff, to the intent yt thai shall for my saik and ye increase thereoff, brynge uppe ye aforsayd Elsabeth Percevell to ye tyme she be of lefull age to marye, and then ye aforsayd John, hys wyff, or their executores or assyngnes, at the day of hyr maryage to lyver, or cawse to be lyved, all ye aforesayd stuff accordyng to your promesse as ye dyd promes me befor Hery Wynd and John Wardell, with many moo, at ye day of makyng herof. Item I gyff and beqwyth unto Bryane Howchyson on bowrd, on trowe, and on bed, standyng in ye hye chambre, and he to have my tytyll and ryght of my halffe farmold to the tyme yt Wylliam Hylton be of lefull age, and then yt it shal be gaff holl on farmold, and then ye aforsayd Wylliam to occupy and injoe it as long as it shall pleasse God and ye lord thereof, and ye aforsayd Bryane to have no longer streuth by me but peacybylly to leve it for ever. Also besychyng John Howchyson and my dowghter hys wyff to see yt thys my

last wyll and testament be fulfylled, as I put my tryst in thayme, whome I make myn executores. In wytnes herof, I ye aforsayd Annes Hylton, ye day and ȝeir above wryttyng, haith gyffen thys my last wyll and testyment, in the presens of Hary Wynd, John Wardell, John Walker prest, wt other moo. The rest of my guds unbeqwest I gyff to my dowgter Essabell, bycaus she haith beyn gud and better to me then my awn sarwans or any other of my frendys (*erased*).

LXIII. SIR JAMES LAYBOURNE OF CUNNYSWYCHE.

Sir James Laybourne* of Cunnyswyche, in the parish of Kendall, 4 Jul. 1548—Wm Lord Marques of Northampton, by the name of William Earle of Essex, by indenture 4 Feb. 1 Edw. vj. demised and to farme let to me the manors of Ashton, Corneforthe, and Scotforthe, co. Lanc. to the term of xliiij. yeares — I bequeath the same to my wiffe, Dame Helene Laborne, from the day of my decease for 18 yeres next ensuing — James Laborne my younger son to enjoy the same for the rest of my terme—my lands in Skelmser — To my three daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, and Margaret, the summe of sext hundreth merks, equally to be divided emongst them, to stand and be in full and hole contentacion for their child's porcions — To William Redman, Thomas Redman, and Rychard Callynson, my trustie and lovinge sarvants, annuyties — To Thomas Laybourne my uncles son ye tenement of Bulmyer strand for his naturall lyfe — Item I will that fyve men beinge in povertie shall have every Sundaye there dynners, or els every Sunday every one of them a peny a pece, to pray for me, my father, and mother, for their naturall lyfes — To my trustie sarvant Charles Laybourne — My wife shall give unto my naturall brother Nicholas Labourne meate, drinke, yf that he do use himself honestlie unto hir, or els fouer marks of currant money of England yearlie, .duringe his naturall lyffe, towards his fyndinge and lyvinge — To Sir Robert Bourrowe priest, and Robert Batman, my sarvants, joyntely to gyther the tythe meale sylver of Trantwaite in Underbarrye — I will that Francis Tunstall my sonne in lawe shall have xl. merks of currant money of England, which I do owe unto him of mariage good — To Christofer Walker scholer,

* Sir James Layborne, of Cunswick, knight, was the head of one of the most ancient and considerable families in Westmoreland. His will is full of new and interesting genealogical information. The testator was twice married, 1. To Ellen, daughter of Sir Thomas Curwen, knight; 2. To Ellen, daughter of Sir Thomas Preston, knight, by both of whom he left issue. His daughter Elizabeth married, 1. Thomas Lord Dacre, and 2. Thomas Duke of Norfolk. His daughter Anne married Sir William Stanley Lord Mounteagle.

to fynde towards the schole of the universitie, the sume of eight shillings yerelie — my said sonne Nicholas Labourne — I will that v. marks be bestowed at the day of my buriall in bread emongs power folks.—To the works of my parishe churche x s. To Sir Johne Byrkehead the summe of v s. annually, as long as he shall leve — To my said wife the tythe corne and tythe hay of Connyswicke — and the underwodds, &c. — To my sunne Nicholas Laybourne the tythes within the wales of the parke of Skellmser, paying to William Readman my servant the yearly rent of xx s. — To my tenants of Skelmser their tythes come for thre crops, or els xxx li. — Dame Elyne my wif, James Layborne my younger sonne, and Anne Preston widow, my mother in lawe, myne executors — Robart Laborne clerke, my brother, parson of Lamplughe, Adam Charus clerke, parson of Wynandermere, John Preston, Francisse Tonstall squyres, and Thomas Carus gentillman, supervisors.—Witnesses, Nicholas Laborne the yonger, John Preston, Francisce Tonstell esquyres, William Traverse, William Carus, Thomas Carus gent., Adam Carus clerke, Nicholas Carus gent., Richard Forster, &c. [Prob. 31 Oct. 2 Edw^{d} 6.]

LXIV. BRYAN APPULBY.

October 30, 1548. I Brian Appulby,* hool of mynd and in full and perfyte memory, fering the great and dangerous perelles of deth — to be buried in the parysch church of God and Sanct Rumald, in such place as I have comonly used to seyt in the tymez of Divine services, paying therfor to the church warks, iij s. iiij d. Item I geffe and bequeth to the holy and blessed sacrament, ij s. — Item I geffe iij li. vj s. viij d. yff may or ever be spared unto such meritorious warks as my sone, my wyffe, and my supervisors moste stand with pleasor of me Lord Jhesu Crist for salute and helthe of my saull and hirs, according as I have more amply declared at the writting herof. Item I will y^{t} I may be brought forth at the day of my buriall with such and all divine observances as ys now accostomed by the law, after y^{e} most godly wyse for my degree.—

* The family of Appleby, from the earliest times, formed quite a clan in the parish of Romaldkirk. A gentlemanly family of that name settled at Gilfield and afterwards migrated to Lartington, where it continued during the greater part of the seventeenth century. For more information about this family see the wills of John and Anthony Appleby, which will be given hereafter.

LXV. JOHN HERKAYE TESTAMENT OF RICHMOND THE XXIJ. DAY OF MARCHE. SHE WAS A NONE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In y^e^ yere of our Lorde God M.ccccc.l., the eight day of Aprill, I dame John Harkay,* of Richmond, knowen me mortall, being of no sertantye of the houre of my death, therfore willing to provyde for the helth of my soulle and discharg of my conciens, of hoole mynd, maketh orden and declareth my last will and testament after this forme foloing. First, I geve my soulle unto Almightie God and our Ladye Sanct Marye, and to all the Sancts in heaven, to pray for me, and my bones to be burued in the church of Richmond of our Ladye syed. Item I geve for my mortuarye according to the king's acts. Item I geve to every preist dwelling in Richmond vj d., to praye for me at my buruall, and preists without towne, that cometh to my buruall, iiij d. Item I geve to foure wedows ij d. a pece, to watch to the tyme y^t^ my bodye be burued, and to praye for me. Item I geve to Margret Symson a ring of golde. Item I geve Jenet Hutchessone of Rukthroft xx d. Item I geve to Jenet Symsone xx d. Item I geve to foure of my susters, dame Ales Tomsone, dame Cecilye Swale, dame Agnes Aslaybye, dame Elzabeth Parker, xij d. a pece. Item I geve to Antonye Metcalf xx d. Item I geve to Secilye Wylsonn xx d. Item I geve to John Atkingsonn xij d. Item I geve to Issabell Coulling and Issabell Heighington, Anne of Mowre and Henry Neylsonn wiffe, to everye of them a curtcher. Item I geve to Sir John Mowre, Sir Gabrell Loftus, xij d. a peice. Item I geve to Sir Cuthbert Hutchessone and Sir William Loftus xx d. a peice. Item I geve to Christofer Harkaye sonne xx d. Item I geve to Secilye Conyers a sylver spone, and to his doughter Emmot a sproce coffer. Item I geve to Gyelles and John, his sonnes, xij d. a pece. Item I geve to Jefferaye Warde and his twoo sonnes ij s. Item I maike and ordane dame Margret Dowsone my exicutrix, yf the law will suffer hir, and yf the law will not suffer hir to be my exicutrix, then I will that William Dowsonn be my exicutour, to order and furthfill this my last will and testament according to my mynd. Item I geve my executrix dame Margret Dowson, or to William Dowsone my exicutour, the resydew of my gouds, my detts payd and legocyes furthfilled, to dispose forther as she shall thinke goud for the helth of my soulle, yf anye canne be spared, at y^e^ oversight of Sir Cuthbert Hutches-

* The testatrix was probably a member of the lately dissolved house of Ellerton, in Swaledale, who had retired on her pension to Richmond to pass the remainder of her days in peace, still lingering near her old home.

sonn and Sir William Loftus. Theis being witnesses, Sir Ralf Lynnwraye, Richard Bynks, Ralf Coulling, Arthur Jonson, Sir Cuthbert Huchesson, and Sir William Loftus, cum multis aliis. [Prob. 22 March.]

This is the trew INVENTORYE of all the goods moveble and emoveble of dame John Harkay, praysed by foure honest men, Rychard Bynks, Rauff Lynewraye, Francis Nelson, and Edward Saterwhait. Inprimis, one bras pott, iij s. Item one other bras potte, xviij d. Item two panns, ij s. Item one frying panne and one rost irone, viij d. Item two puder disheis with two puder sawcers and one puder basone, ij s. Item one eware, iij s. iiij d. Item two litle cheists with a coffer, ij s. viij d. Item one chare, viij d. Item tongs and recking chroke, viij d. Item iij quys-shings, xviij d. Item one evill fether bed with all thyngs therto belonging, xx s. Item a kyrtle and a coote with other lynen gere, x s. Item old payntid clothes, xij d. Item in redye monye, xx s. Item one ambrye, iij s. iiij d. Somma totalis, iij li. xij s. iiij d.

LXVI. RALF GUY OF ROCLIF.

Ralf Guy of Roclif,* 7 February, 1550 . . . To Raynald Guy my father my best horse callyd Greine — To my brother Willyam my best coyt, best hose, and dublet, boytes, spurres, swerde and buckler — To Robert Guy my brother a bowe — To Richard Barwick a bowe — To everye servante in my maister's house iiij d. — To every one of my servants a pare of shoos. — To John Netherwod a velvet sword girdle and a bow that came from Nydd. To Willyam Egglisfeld a Carlell lease — my wife to have my lease at Roclif, and all my children to kepe at scole unto suche tyme they canne write and rede and accomplishe severallie th'age of xv. yeares, at whiche age I will that my brother William se them conveyed to London with the helpe of John my brother and put to merchants or other good sciences with ther porcions — To my brother William a lease whiche I have of the graunt of Maister Rose in Aynderbye and Worleybye and the interest that I have in Northwayte, but I will not that he do putt Barnard to over muche or open rebuke ym, and xxxiij s. iiij d. to by hym a horse or els a yong horse. —

INVENTORY.—First, his purse in money xiij s. iiij d. Item vij

* A good specimen of the Yorkshire yeoman. His inventory shows us what boisterous revelry there must have been at this time at the wake and arval, a species of merriment which is still existing in some districts of that county. Other proofs of it will occasionally be introduced.

sylver spones xxiij s. iiij d.—*Tithe corne.* Inprimis, the harde corne v li. Item the ware corne xx s. Item the hay in the laith xl s. Item the dong abowte the house x s. — Franncis Tankard owes him x s. He owes for the half yeres ferme for the house xxx s. For the half yeres rent of Sturdie wyff house iiij s. vj d. To Mr. Grene for his half yere rent vj s. viij d. — Item the tithe ferme iij li. xiij s. iiij d. Item to the vicar of Aldburghe vj s. viij d. Item for the rent of Swynstye iij s. iiij d. — Item to uxor Smythson xxvi s. viij d. — Item to John Wythes, for the king's ferme, xxxij s. xi d.—Item to Mr. Tankard for Greneland vj s. viij d. *Funerall expensis.* Inprimis vij shepe, price xviij s. iiij d. Item in breade xx s. Item iiij gallons of ale xvii s. Item iij^{xx} gallons of beare xv s. Item in spice and honye ij s. iiij d. Item half a quarter wheate viij s. vj d. Item one dosen capons vj s. Item ij piggs xviij d. Item ij piggs price xvj d. Item in money distributed in the churche xiij s. iiij d.

LXVII. ROBERT THOMPSONE OF MORTON UPON SWAILL.

Robert Thompsone of Morton upon Swaill,* 21 Aug. 1551 — To the mendinge off Morton brige a yonge collte stage — To every pour gerse house in Morton iiij d. To my brother Rayff Thompsone my setting spanyell doge, with all netts and geyr pertenyng to it — To Thomas Parwyne on plower nett with all geyr pertenyng to it — Maister John Raytlyffe supervisor.

LXVIII. CHRISTOFER DODISWORTH OF JOLBIE.

Chistofer Dodisworth, of Jolbie, in the parishing of Croft,† 28 Oct. 1551, beinge by the Grace of God hole of mynd and of perfytt remembraunce, weyng and considering the mutabilitie and inconstancie of this worlde, and knowing also that death to every

* The testator appears to have been a sort of gamekeeper under the family of Ratcliffe. This is the first occurrence of nets and setting dogs, which even after this time are very rarely mentioned. In 1582, Edward Weldon of Colborne has "a paire of larke netts," which he has sold for 8*s*. In the beginning of the next century we have dogs occasionally alluded to.

† The testator was a member of a younger branch of the family of Dodsworth, of Thornton Watlass, which had settled in the parishes of Croft and Barton, as tenants under the families of Place and Catterick, with whom they were connected by marriage. They were for many years lessees of Halnaby Grange, and afterwards settled at Barton, where they rose to some consequence. Another very respectable family of that name settled at Jolby, which formerly belonged to Easby Abbey, and in 1557 Lawrence Dodsworth obtained a grant of it from the Crown at 30 years' purchase. Other notices of this family will occur hereafter.

man is certen, the daye or hower thereof most uncerten, therefore, calling to my remembrance and myndyng the quiete staye, godlie concord and good agreement, of my wyfe and chylderin, as one not willing to dey intestate, doo ordeyn and mache this my present will and testament in maner and forme folowyng. Fyrst, and before all other things, I bequethe my sowle unto Almyghtie God, my maker, savyour and redemer, who, I trust, of his infynite marcey, for the death of his sonne, my saveyour, will accepte and receyve the same in the kyngdome of heaven, apon the dissolution of this my mortall bodie, and there to rest with Christ and all other the blessed and elect companye of heaven, untill last daye, when I assuredlie beleve that this my mortall bodie shall rise, then joyned to the sowle, and then for ever to rest in the joyes of heaven; and that this my corpes to be buried within my said parishe churche of Sanct Peter at Croft, if yt so shall so please God. And also I will that the churche have all her right, according to the estataite lymyted in that behalf, desyryng you, my executors, to use no other rites or other funerall pompes at my buryall then at the tyme of my deathe shalbe levefull by the King's Majesties lawes or injunctiones in that behalf. Also I will (by the lycence of my Mr.) that my tractable wyfe Maybell, after my deceasse, shall have full enterest in all suche fermeholding as I have in ferme and occupation at this daye in Jolbie, accordinge to the trewe effecte and menyng of my lease. And she to have, occupie, and enjoye the same (during hyr wedowehed) for the preferment of my yongest childrein, and to there brynging uppe, duringe my yeres, without interuption of any of ye said childerin. And if it happ my wife to latt or taverne any parte of the said fermehold (not beying of habilitie to occupie the same) then I will that Roland my eldest sonne have it — I will that my said youngest children be either put the scole or to some other honest science, wherunto they ar most apte (dessyryng you, my natereall sonne Roland, of fatherlie zeale to be good sonne and loving and kynd brother to my wyfe and chylder). Item I will bequethe and geve unto my sone Fraunces my lease of Forsett and Apelbie. — Also I will and bequethe unto my sonne Roland xx s., desyringe you to be good unto my wife and childer, requiring you to accepte thes my small bequest at this tyme, calling to your rememberaunce how benefyciall and my fatherlie acte towards you allredie — To my dowghter Margerie Bower — to Elizabeth Ward, wedow, my dowghter, a young cowe — Also I desyre you, my executors, within xiiij. dayes after my buryall, that ye geve and distribute unto xij. of the most poore of this parishe ij d. a peace. I wyll that Thomas Laydman my servant have of my bequest one of my jaykatts — Also I will that my wife have all hir

aperill and hir chamer and all other things that ar her right — dessyryng you, my faithful wife and sonne Roland to be my executors, and to see this my will trewlie performed in everie behalf, as ye will answer before God at the daye of judgement. Fynallye I do most hartlie require you, my most loving and speciall good M^r. M^r. Christofer Place, and my good M^r. Anthony Caterik, to be the supervisor of this my last will and testament — Witnesses, Roland Doddysworth, John Dodysworth.

LXIX. CHRISTOFER MECLETON.

November 21, 1552. I Christofer Mecleton* — to be buried in the church of S^t. Rumald — to Margaret my wife and to my two sons, Thomas and Richard, my right of farmehold in Mecleton called the est fermeholde — my son John to enter into my cheif house with all the rialties and ayrelomes founded by my predecessors — Witnesses, Edward, George, and John Rayne.

[Prob. 8 July, 1558.]

LXX. SYR JOHN LOWTHER† OF LOWTHER KNYGHT.

In the naym of God, Amen. Be yt knawne to all men that I, Syr John Lowther, of y^e parhyshyng of Lowther, in y^e countie of Westmerland, knyght, the iij^th day of February in y^e yere of our Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth fyftye and two, and in y^e vij yere of y^e reynge of our soverynge lord Edward y^e sext, by y^e grace of God kyng of England, Frans, and Ireland, defender of y^e faythe, and in erthe of y^e churche of England and Ireland

* Ancestor, no doubt, of the two well-known Durham antiquaries, Christopher and James Mickleton. Christopher was, perhaps, the great-grandson of the testator, and was probably sent to Clifford's Inn by the family at Streatlam, who were owners of the greater part of the parish of Romaldkirk. He finally settled as an attorney in Durham, and bought the estate of Crookhall in 1657. He was a younger son, and the elder branch continued at Mickleton for some time after his migration. The Raines were connected with the family of Mickleton by marriage.

† Sir John Lowther, knight, the head of the great family of Lowther, was the eldest son of Sir Hugh Lowther by Anne, daughter of Sir Lancelot Threlkeld. He married Lucy, daughter of Sir Thomas Curwen of Workington, and had by her a son Hugh, who does not appear to have died, as Burn and Nicholson state, before his father, and a daughter Mabell, who married Christopher Dalston, esq. of Uldale. The property descended to Richard, the son and heir of his son Hugh by Dorothy, daughter of Henry Lord Clifford, who afterwards became Lord Warden of the West Marches, and held other important offices connected with the border. The testator, although he was thrice high sheriff of Westmerland, appears to have been quiet and homely in his disposition, and not ambitious of that high position in public affairs which was attained to by many of his ancestors and nearly all of his descendants—a position which was ultimately crowned with nobility in the title of Earl of Lonsdale.

next under God suppreme hede, beyng hole of mynd and off gud memorie, doo ordeyne, make, and sett forthe thys my present testament and last wyll in maner and forme folowyng. Furst, I gyve and bequyeth my sawll into y^e^ handes of Almyghtye God, and my body to be buryed where yt shall chance me to dye. Also I wyll that all my landes shall dyscend to Rychard Lowther, accordyng to a fyne levied at London, paying to hys father fowre scoore markes yerelye. Also I wyll y^t^ Jarrard Lowther shal have Soulbie and Settbarre, during hys lyffe naturall, and affter hys decease to returne to the ryght heres of me, the sayd Sir John Lowther. Also I wyll that all grants mayd by me affore thys present day to any person, for terme of lyffe or terme of yeres, shall stand both ferme and stabyll. Also I wyll that thys howsse shalbe keptt styll unto Wytsonday, and all my servants that wyll remeyn to have meatt and drynke heare and to have them halffe a yeres waiges. Also I will y^t^ Lancelote Salkeld shall have sex kyen and three scoore sheype, wyche I promyssed hym to hys mariage goodes. Also I wyll y^t^ John Fysher shall have a mylke cowe. Also I wyll that Antony Fysher shall have xx^ti^ gymmer hogges. Also I wyll y^t^ Thomas Bell shall have my blacke bawsand geldyng and one qwhye styrk. Also I wyll y^t^ Wylliam Barton and John Harper, and aither of theme, shall have a qwhye wyth calffe. Also I wyll y^t^ John Byrkhede shall have Nycolson place of Newton, in recompens of y^e^ Seweborwaynes. Also I wyll y^t^ John Barton shall have a stott, or ells a marke in money. Also I wyl y^t^ lytyll John Cragge shall have a qwye in y^e^ old parke or ells x s. Also I wyl that Syr Wylliam Huchonson shall have my gray maire, the beste cowe that he wyl take, and y^e^ best draught oxe. Also I wyll that Syr Thomas Hogeson shall have v s. to pray for me. Also I wyll y^t^ Sir Robert Hutton shall have v s. to pray for me. Also I wyll that Christofer Dalston and Mabell hys wyffe shall have sex oxen, sex kyen, sex young nolte, thre scoore shepp, a sylver pott, a salltt, fyve sylver spones, a pounced salte, and a plane pece. Also I wyll that Wylliam Lowther my godsonn shall have all such landes and tenements wyche my brother hys father haythe of me and of my gyfft, for y^e^ terme off y^e^ said Wylliam lyffe. Also I wyll that my broder Lancelotte and Jayn Carlyle shall occupy my floke of wedders on Penreth fell, as longe as thay lyve, and to keype uppe y^e^ stoke standyng, and then after to remayne to y^e^ howsse of Lowther agayn. Also that lytyll Lancelott Lowther shall have xx^ti^ lambes, and that Janat Lowther hys suster shall have x lambes. And all other my goodes unlegasyd, and my detts payd, I gyve and bequyeth to Jayn Carlyll and to my brother Lancelott Lowther, wyche twoo I constytute, ordeyn, and make my executors, to fulfyll

thys my present testament and last wyll. Also I wyll that Lancelotte Lowther shall take nothyng from ye said Jayn Carlyle by reason of his joyntte executorshype, but for that to helpe and manteyn the sayd Jayn to hyr full ryght, accordyng to ye intent, forme, and effect of thys my sayd present testament and last wyll. In wytnesse whereof I, ye sayd Syr John Lowther, to thys my sayd present testament have subscrybyde my nayme and setto my seale. Also I wyll Hewge Lowther and Rychard Lowther shall (*have*) nothyng at doo with my goodes of myn. Also I make my supervisours Thomas Salkeld, of ye Whyethall,* and Mr. Wylliam Flemyng, parson of Lowther,† and other of theme to have fourtie shyllyngs, to ayde my executors. Thes beyng wytnesses, Sir Wylliam Huchonson, Sir Robert Hutton, prestes, Hewgh Marshall and John Threlkeld, with other.

LXXI. ELSABETH PLACE TESTEMENT OF HALNATHBYE.

IHS. In the name of God, Amen. The seconde day of May, in the yere of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth and liij., I Elsabeth Place, wedoe,‡ late wyffe of George Place of Halnathby, makyth my last wyll and testament after thys manner of forme folowyng. Fyrst I beqwhett and wyll my soul to God, desyering hym, for the bloyd of his sone Jhu Cryst, to accept it in to his kingdom, for by his deith and passyon I do clame it, and not by no gude warks, and ȝet all the gud warks yt I can do is no less then my dewtye; and my body to be buryed in the paresh church where it shall pleas God my saull do departe. Fyrst I beqwhyed to my lorde my broder§ my bracelett of sex old ryals. Alsso I beqwheyt and gyffe to my syster Constable‖ my best pelyment of golde. Alsso I beqhweytt and gyff to my broder

* Thomas Salkeld of the Whitehall was a younger son of the house of Corby, and the father, no doubt, of Lancelot Salkeld, who is alluded to above. The son married Elizabeth, a daughter and co-heir of Nicholas Bardesey of Bardesey, in the county of Lancaster, esquire.

† Mr. William Fleming, parson of Lowther, is probably an unrecorded member of the great family of Fleming of Rydal.

‡ The lady whose splendid will we have now before us was a daughter of Christopher Lord Conyers of Hornby, by Anne, daughter of Thomas Lord Dacre. She was married by her father to his ward George Place, the eldest son of Rowland Place of Halnaby, esquire, by his second wife Anne, daughter of Sir Edward Radclyffe of Cartington, who died without issue during his minority. This will makes several additions to the family genealogy, and the whole document was probably taken down from the very words of the testatrix, whose bold and ladylike signature is appended to it.

§ John Lord Conyers of Hornby, who married Maud daughter of Henry Earl of Cumberland, and left by her a large family. He died 3 and 4 of Philip and Mary.

‖ Jane, the only sister of the testatrix, married Sir Marmaduke Constable of Everingham.

Constable my pawnsy of golde with the ruby in it. And also to my broder Leonard my golde chyn, hole to hymself, with out any parting to any body. Alsso I gyf to my neyce Elsabeth Conyers* a flower with the dyamont in it and thre olde ryals of golde and my gold ring with the saffore in it. Alsso I gyff to lytle Kateryn Constable† my weddyng ryng and my perell belyment, both the upper and the ondre, wyth my whytte sattin kyrtell. Alsso to my nawnt Bygott‡ an olde angell of golde. Alsso to my nawnt Conȝers, John Conȝers wyffe, my reyd taphytye kyrtell. Alsso I gyff to the parson of Croft x s. Alsso to S^r^ Robert Wyshead prest x s. Also I gyffe to my broder Christofer Place xij. sylver sponys and the great standyng cupe, desyering hym y^t^ they may be hayrlomes at Halnatby. Alsso I gyffe to Robert Place§ a nobyll of gold. Alsso I gyff to my cosyn Bryan Palmes‖ a signott of gold, a soverand of golde and a portyngowe of golde, which I promest hym to have, if he leyffed after me; and, if I leyff after hym, I gyff them to my broder Leonard, holy to hym self. Alsso I gyff to every on of my servands beyng with me at the day of my deyth xx d. Alsso I gyff to Dynes Lytstar, if he be with me at the day of my deth, my bay horse called Hebdan. The resydew of all my gudes, moveable and unmoveable, not gyffen, and my detts payd, I gyffe them frely to my broder Leonarde Conyers, and to my brother Christofer Place, to be dyvyded eqwally betwix them, whom I make my full executours, lettyng them knaw y^t^ I have fulfylled my husband's wyll and testament, y^t^ they shall not be troubled y^r^in. Wytnese here of I have setto my seall and subscrybed my name, desyering them to distrybut v. pownds of sylver to my pure neghtburs, and to bryng me furth honestly, according to the Kyngs lawes.—ELSABETH PLACE.

* Daughter of John Lord Conyers, and afterwards the wife of Thomas second son of Sir Thomas Darcy. She had by him an only son, afterwards Sir Conyers Darcy.

† Little Katherine Constable, the niece of the testatrix, afterwards became the wife of Sir Robert Stapleton of Wighill.

‡ Katherine daughter of Christopher Lord Conyers, and aunt of the testatrix, married Sir Francis Bigod of Settrington, knight, who died 22 October, 8 Eliz.

§ Christopher and Robert Place were younger brothers of the husband of the testatrix. The former makes his will in 1555, which will occur afterwards. The latter, after the death of his brothers, became heir male of the whole house, and died in 1594, leaving a numerous family behind him.

‖ Brian Palmes, a member of the great house of Palmes of Naburn, married Margaret only daughter and heiress of Ralph Radclyffe of Tunstall, co. pal. Dur., esquire, and in right of her became the owner of lands in Morton. He joined in the rebellion in 1569, and forfeited in consequence the whole of his possessions. Roger Radclyffe of Mulgrave, the first cousin of Margaret Radclyffe, married to his first wife Dorothy daughter of Sir Francis Bigod, the uncle of the testatrix, and hence the relationship between her and Brian Palmes.

LXXII. THOMAS WILSON OF STRICKLAND GATE.

Sep. 14, 1553. I Thomas Wilson,* of Strickland gate in the towen of Kyrckby in Kendall, sicke and evill at ease in my bodye, withe God his mercifull visitacion and fatherly correction, yet nevertheles of good and perfect memorye, thanks be rendered to God therfor, ordeins and maks my last will and testament in maner and forme following. First I commit and bequiethe my sowell into the mercifull hands of God, my hevenly father, into the kepyng of his sone Jhesus Christ, by the merits of whose deathe and passion I trust verely to be saved, and by no other meanes, praiyng God Allmyghty, my most mercifull Saviour and Redemer, that this my faithe may dayly increase and continew in me at all assaults of my goostly enemye, even to the brethe goo owt of my body, and that then specially it be lyvely and not waveryng even at the last brunt. As touching my vile body, which is nothing but dust, earthe, and asshes, let it be laid in ground frome whence it came, and be buried in the parrishe churche off Kendall afforesaid, even there whear my father was buried, or as near as may be. And I will that the churche hav of me all ryghts and dewtyes, and my buriall to be ordered after that sorte and maner as my trusty frends shall thinke most fit and convenient, after a reverent and comely sort, in hope of the resurrection which shalbe at the last day, when boithe body and sowell shall mete and be withe Crist glorified. Item I will that the vickar shall hav of me, for tythes forgotten, xx d. Item that a sermon funerall be made at my buriall, if it may possiblely be had at that tyme, or ells as sone after as may be conveniently, to put men in remembrannce boithe of the frailte and misery that is in this wretched world and also of the joy and blis that remaineth after this mortall life, and how to frame our lyves to be partakers of the same, and the preacher to be recompensed for his paynes honestly taken in that behalfe — To Thomas Gennyngs my brother in law my blew stamyng jacket, and unto Abraham Byrkehed my grene jacket. —

* A will indicative of strong religious feeling, which may especially be seen in the preamble. The preambles of wills are generally passed over as of little or no consequence, but they are very important on account of the indications of the creed and religious opinions of the testator, which are frequently embodied in them. Several of them will be given *verbatim* hereafter.

LXXIII. WILLIAM CONYERS OF MARSKE, ESQUIER.

William Conyers of Marske, esquier,* 12 Jan. 1553 — to be buried besids my wife in the parishe churche of Seint Edmunde in Marske. To my sone William Conyers my fermes called Punshert and Orgaite, for the settinge up of his howse, fyve fether bedds, two of the best, and thre of the seconde, with the clothes thereunto belonginge, my newe salte and my new spunes, all fyre wessell and brewing wessell, a cestron, with the tables and trists necessarie for the furniture of his howse, and my gresseld stoned horse. To my sone Christofer Conyers my terme of yeares in my ferme called Elstonsdell. To my sone James Conyers iij l. vj s. viij d. to be paid yerelie during his life out of my landes in Craven. To my son Robert Conyers, during his life, iij l. vj s. viij d. out of the said landes. To my sone Christofer Conyers xxxiij s. iiij d. yerelie out of the said landes. To Agnes Erlle my servante, in recompence of hir faithfull service done unto me, and never yet recompenced, xxxiij s. iiij d. yerely during her life, out of my saide landes in Craven. To Christofer Bryan, xx s. yerelie. Unto Elsabethe Bryan my doughter, xiij s. iiij d. yerelie. To Thomas Conyers, in recompense of his service, xiij s. iiij d. yerelie. To Isabell Conyers my bastarde (*struck out*) doughter, to her mariage, iij l. vj s. viij d. To Anne Conyers, xl s. to provide her to a gude service withall. Item I do remitt and releas unto Sr. Mathewe Blamyer, parson of Marske, all covenauntes and grants made and concluded upon betwene him and me for the parsonage of Marske. To my sones James Conyers, Robert Conyers, and Christofer Conyers, my leases of Grinton churche,† and of the leade mynes, to see my debts discharged. I give unto my sone Robert to the

* The founder of the house of Conyers of Marske was William the fifth son of Sir John Conyers of Hornby, who acquired the estate by his marriage with Elizabeth the daughter and sole heiress of Robert Cleseby, who was his father's ward. He occurs there in 1463. His son Christopher Conyers married Anne or Elizabeth daughter of James Metcalfe of Nappa, esq., and makes his will 14 March 1504, in which he mentions his wife Elizabeth, his son and heir William, and his sons Thomas and Michael Conyers, his daughter Jane, and his brothers Roger, Sir Cuthbert, and Robert Conyers. He had besides three other daughters: Elizabeth married Roger [qy. Richard?] Sidgwick of Walburn, Margery married . . . . Slingesby, and Cecily married Henry Askwith of East Newstead. The will of his son and heir, William Conyers, is now before us. He married Eleanor, daughter of Humphrey Sidgwick of Walburn Hall, esq. His son William survived him only three years. and his will, with some account of the subsequent fate of the family, will be given hereafter.

† The impropriate rectory of Grinton was parcel of the possessions of the dissolved priory of Bridlington, and the testator held a lease of it under Lord Scrope, who was the lessee of the Crown. He was not very regular in paying his rent, and almost immediately after his death the lease passed out of his family into the hands of Avery Uvedale of Marrick Abbey.

maintenance of his ferme two yoke of the best stotts I have, and fourtie of my best shepe — my three sons executors — my welbelovide cosens Thomas Rokeby of Mortham esquier, and Richard Whalley, the lerned man,* to be supervisors.

[Prob. 10 Ap. 1554.]

LXXIV. CUTHBERT WALKER TESTAMENT OF RICHMOND.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xviij. daye of Februarie, in the year of our Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth fifty and three, I Cuthbert Walker, of Richemond in the countie of York,† hole of mynde and of perfecte remembrance, make this my last will and testamente in manner and forme following. Fist I commend my solle to Almighty God, and to our blessed Lady Saint Marie, and to all the company of heaven, trusting faithfully that by the meritts of Christ's passion to be saved and to come to everlastyng lyffe, and I will my body to be buried wher yt shall please myne executours. Also I will and bequith to my sonne William Walker, now being with me in my house at Richemond, that my house sett and lying at Dowgate, within the parishe of Saint Michell Pater noster, within the citie of London, to hym and to his heyres of his bodie lawfullye begoten for ever, and yf yt happen — then to my nexte heyres. Also I gyve to the said William on gilte cuppe with a cover with the image of the Trinitie upon yt, and my second fetherbede and a bolster. Also I bequieth to my brother Sir William Walker, preste,‡ now being with me in house

* Richard Whalley, who was probably a lawyer, was descended from the house of Welbeck, and settled at Dalby. His son Thomas married Barbara daughter of Christopher Lascelles of Brackenberghe, and grandaughter of Richard Sidgwick of Walburn, who was connected by marriage with the family at Marske. It is probably owing to this match that we have this mention of Richard Whalley, and we may fairly conjecture that he drew up the present will.

† On the 8th November, 1551, Sir Edward Fynes, Lord Clinton and Saye, and Lord High Admiral of England, sold to the testator and his son William, together with William Pepper of St. Martin's, esquire, the site and part of the lands of the lately-dissolved cell of Benedictine monks at St. Martin's near Richmond. On a division of the property, two days later, the father and son obtain for their share several closes in the lordship of St. Martin's, called Chapel Flatts, Rampkyn Ridding, Catskins, &c. and other property in Hudswell, Colborne, and Caldwell, all of which were bequeathed in 1557 by the son to the hospital of St. John the Baptist at Kirkby Ravenswath, which had been founded in the previous year by Dr. Dakyn. The testator seems to have been on intimate terms with Dr. Dakyn, and it was probably through his influence with his great patron William Knight, Archdeacon of Richmond, that he became a lessee of some of the lands of the see of Bath and Wells, to which the archdeacon was translated. The cup with the image of the Trinity on the cover was probably part of the spoils of some neighbouring religious establishment.

‡ William Walker of Richmond, preste, makes his will 20th January, 1560, and leaves "to every child that singeth in the queare ij d." and bequeaths his house in Dowgate, London, to Sir Richard Walker his brother.

likewise, on standyng cuppe with a cover of sylver and gilt, and my best fetherbed with all ther unto belonging. Also I bequieth to my brother Sir Richard Walker, preste,* on other cuppe of silver and gilt with a cover. Also I bequieth to Thomas Corney my best goune. Also I bequieth to Edward Corney my second goune. Also I bequieth to Thomas my servante my rydyng coote, one pare of hose, my fustyane dublett, and a cappe. Also I bequieth to Agnes my servant my goune faced with chamlett, the lesse calderon, on lytyll prasse pott, a lytyll panne, two coverletts she bought hir selfe, three of the new quissions, a diaper tabilcloth, all my kyrchyfes, and xx s. in money. Also I bequieth to my cousing Dorothie Corney three other quissions and a diaper tabilcloth. Also I bequieth to the pore pepyll of the parishes of Richmond and Kyrkeby Ravenwath vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item I bequieth to John Peutherrer vj s. viij d. Also I bequieth to John Backehouse x s. Item I bequieth to John Crosby all my buttons of gold. Item I bequieth to Raff Coullyng wyffe vj s. viij d. Item I will and bequieth my farme in Congresburie in Somersettshier, whiche I hold of the lands belonging to the bushop of Baith and Welles,† to the said William Walker my sonne, endurying my yeres therein, upon condicion that he paie to my said brother Sir William Walker eght pounds therof durying his naturall lyffe. To my brother Sir Richard Walker fower pounds durying his lyffe, and to my sister Agnes Andreson fower pounds durying her lyffe. Also I will that he paie owt of the said farme to Thomas Corney forty shillings, and to Edward Corney other xl s. for the space of x. yeres next after my decese — The residue — to my said sonne William Walker, and to my brother Sir William Walker, whom I do ordaine and maike myne executors — and I will and desyer Doctor Dakins‡ to be

* The testator's brother, Sir Richard Walker of Richmond, by his will, dated 2 December, 1561, leaves his house in Dowgate to Thomas Corney and John his son, and gives 3*l.* to be distributed on the day of his burial to the poor of Richmond, and other 3*l.* to the poor of Kirkby Hill. He makes William Pepper of Saynt Martyn's his supervisor.

† William Knight, LL.D., Fellow of New College, Oxford, 1493, Secretary to Henry VII. and VIII., and Ambassador to the Emperor Maximilian, Archdeacon of Huntingdon 1523, Prebendary of Westminster 1529, Archdeacon of Richmond December 7, 1529, and of Chester 1531: he resigned these two offices into the king's hands May 20th, 1541, and was made Bishop of Bath and Wells nine days afterwards. He died 29th September, 1547, and was buried in the cathedral at Wells. Dr. Dakyn was an executor of his will, which is dated on the 12th of August, 1547, and it is to the good bishop's charitable bequest that the hospital at Ravenswath owed its foundation.

‡ John Dakyn, LL.D. was a member of a very respectable Yorkshire family, and probably began life as a monk in St. Mary's Abbey, York. He was presented by the Abbot and Convent of that monastery to the rectory of Kirkby Ravenswath, which no doubt brought him into the notice of the Archdeacon of Richmond, William Knight,

supervisor thereof — and for his panes herein to be taiken I bequieth to the said Doctor Dakins on flatt boll gilt whiche he haithe in his keping of myne, desyering hym, as my trust is in hym, to be good m^{r} to my said sonne William Walker. Thes being witnesses, Richard Crosby of Richmond gentilman, John Crosby his sone, &c.

LXXV. RYCHARD GYBSON OF YNGLETON.

Jhesus. 7 May, 1554. Rychard Gybson of Yngleton* — to be buryed in the churche of Saynt Leonard at Yngleton, ny the place wher I have kneled. Item I will that ther be vj. messes the day of my buryall, and every prest to have iiij d. — Item I will that my son Christofer have my jacke, a pare of splyntes, a sconse, a yoke and bowes. —

LXXVI. THOMAS BAYNBRYG TESTAMENTUM. PARYSH OF RUKSBY.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The seventh daye of May, in the yeare of our Lorde God a thowsand fyve hundreth fyftie and foure, I

who from this time appears to have been his constant patron. It was probably through his recommendation that Dakyn was collated by Robert Holgate, Archbishop of York, to the archdeaconry of the East Riding in 1551. As Knight was frequently engaged in missions to foreign courts, Dakyn probably acted as his official in his absence, and he may perhaps have held some similar office under the two first Bishops of Chester. We may hope that the statement of Fox, the martyrologist, is incorrect when he charges him with adding fuel to the Marian persecution by burning a Richard Suell at Richmond in 1558, and with being the cause of another brother drowning himself in the Swale. If he was the instigator of this atrocity, in addition to the sin of intolerance, he might also be charged with inconsistency, for, according to Fox's own statement, he was one of the commissioners appointed by Henry VIII. for inquiring into the state of the religious houses in Richmondshire. That this execution did take place is beyond all doubt, and it is certain that the commissary, if there was one, would be officially cognizant of it; but it yet remains to be proved that Dakyn held that office, and Fox seems to be the sole authority for the statement. On the 11th of May, 1556, Dakyn, in compliance no doubt with the request of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, one of whose executors he was, founded the hospital at Kirkby Ravensworth out of his patron's wealth; but it is probable that he himself made great additions to it, and the rules for the management of the hospital must be ascribed to him. He did not long survive the completion of his work, but died on the 9th of November, 1558, only eight days before Queen Mary, and exactly two months after the alleged atrocity. See the History of Richmondshire for an interesting account of the foundation of the hospital, i. 118.

* It is very curious to observe the renewal of the various ecclesiastical observances belonging to the "old religion" which mark the commencement of the reign of Mary, and the various hopes and fears of the donors which may here and there be traced in their wills—hopes indeed that were soon blighted, and fears that were speedily realised, by the accession of Elizabeth.

Thomas Baynbrigg,* servant to Mr. Thomas Rukesbie of Mortham, of an holl and perfect mynd and memory, ordayne and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. Fyrst I bequeith my soule to Almeightie God, to our Lady Sanct Mary, and to all the blissid companye in heaven, and my bodie to be buried within the church of Rukesbie. Item I bequeith to every preist beinge present at my buriall, to singe or say masse and *Dirige* for my soule, viij d., and to every parishe clerke ij d. Item I bequeith xx s. to be distributed to poure people. Item I bequeith as mouche money to be bestowed in breade the daye of my buriall as will by to every person that will put furth his hand an halpennye loffe. The residewe of all my goodes moveable and unmoveable unbequested (my debtes paid and funerall expensis deduct) I gyffe frelie to Anthonie Baynbrige my naturall brother, whome I make myn holl executor of this my last will and testament. Also I ordayne and make M^{r} Thomas Rukesbie of Mortham, my good m^{r}, the supervisor of this my last will and testament. Thes being wittnesses, John Layton, Cuthbert Baynbrigge, John Baynbrige, John Dickson, Cristofer Biggins and John Teysdale.

LXXVII. RAUFFE COUNSTABLE OF THRYNTOFTE.

In the name of God, Amen. The thyrde day of Decembre, in the yere of our Lord Gode a thowsand fyve hundreth fyftie and foure, I Rauffe Counstable of Thryntofte in the countie of York, gentilman† — to be buried in the Ladie porche in my parishe churche of Aynderby with the stepill — my detts and funerall expensis paide, my goods to be devidet in thre equall partts — my wiffe to have one and my children an other, and the thyrde part to declare my will uppon. And of this my thyrde parte I gyff and bequeste unto Francys Counstable my sone, in consideracion that Gode hayth viset hyme with disaysse and seyknes, sex pounds thyrteyn shillings and foure pense, over and besyds his due porcione. There ys yet unpayd by the executors of Cristofer Laysynby ten pounds of money, parcell of my mariage goods with his doughter. — To th'use of my paryshe churche sex shillings viij d. To Sir Thomas Swyer, to pray for my soule fyve shillings.

* The will of a serving-man in the family of Rokeby of Mortham: he was an old servant in the family, as we find him mentioned in the will of his master's mother fourteen years before this time. The will of a serving-man in the family of Wycliffe of Wycliffe, and of another in the family of Tunstall of Scargill, will be given hereafter.

† Probably a younger son of the house of Constable of Dromonby in Cleveland. He was apparently a tenant at Thrintoft under Sir John Constable, the head of his house.

I gyffe to Sir John Counstable knyght, my maister, a whyte gray amblinge stage, tenderly desyringe his maistership to take payne to be supervisor of this my laste will, and to be good maister unto my wiffe and children, whome I leyff and remytt holie unto his goodness ... my wyfe and children my executors. Wit: John Radcliffe esquier, Sir Thomas Swyer preste, Leonard Smelt, &c.

LXXVIII. ULTIMA VOLUNTAS SEU TESTAMENTUM RICARDI SIGSWICK.

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Richard Sigeswike of Walborne, esquire,* seeke in bodie but of a perfecte mynde and good remembraunce, maks this my last will and testament of all my goodds and cattells in maner and forme folowing. Firste, I will and bequeathe to my parishe churche of Downeham xl s. to be bestowed in things most requisite for the better mayntenance of the service of God there. Allso I geve and bequeathe to Thomas Newtonn, preste, x s. to pray for my soule, my father and mothers soules, and all christen soules. Allso I will, geve, and bequeathe to my cosen Francis Lassells† of my goodds and cattells moveable and not moveable to the valor of an hundrethe marks, over and besydes the tables, cooppbords and formes standing in the hale, the boords in my butterye and kittchyne, and the bedstocks and cupbordds standing in my great chamber. Allso I will and

* The testator's family had been seated at Walburne Hall for more than a century. They acquired it by a marriage with Agnes, a daughter and heir of Peter Greathead, who had married Margaret daughter and heir of Henry Bellerby, whose family had been the proprietors of the estate for a considerable period. There is but little known about this ancient family, but it is ascertained that the testator left an only daughter and heiress, who married Christopher son of Sir Roger Lascelles of Brackenbergh: and there is also preserved among the title deeds of the estate a commission to him from Henry VIII., dated May 14, 1537 (the year of Aske's rebellion), authorising him to seize and send to York Castle all rebellious persons. The will of his wife Elizabeth, who was probably a daughter of Christopher Conyers of Marske, will occur afterwards.

Walburn Hall stands on a gentle eminence, about two miles from Downholme, on the Leyburne road. The present hall was probably built during the reign of Elizabeth, but the walls of a building of a much earlier date are still partially standing, and the present house is evidently, to a great extent, constructed upon and out of the vestigia of the ancient mansion. During the great rebellion it was garrisoned for King Charles by some companies of the Richmondshire trainbands, who were supplied with provisions by Matthew Hutton, esq., of Marske (into whose family the property had come), and who was fined 1000*l.* for his loyalty, besides the sequestration of his estates. His lineal descendant, Timothy Hutton, esquire, of Marske, is the present owner of the estate, and has made a careful restoration of the old hall. Mr. Hutton is one of the oldest members of the Surtees Society, and among the many favours which the editor has received at his hands, the permission to inspect the ancient title deeds of Walburn is not the least.

† Francis Lassells was a member of the house of Brackenbergh. Among the Walburn deeds there is a grant made to him by Ralph Burgh of Garriston (who was also a relative of the testator), of certain lands in Hunton, which formerly belonged to Richard Sedgwick of Walburn, dated August 1, 1565.

bequeathe to my cosen Homfraye Sigeswike* fower pounds in moneye, to pray for my soule. Allso I will and bequeathe to my syster Bourghe of Garestonn v marks, and to Elizabethe Conyers fyve marks, to pray for my soule. Allso I will and bequeathe to Elizabeth Walker towe kyne and xl s. in moneye, to pray for my soule. And to everye one of my servants, which shall serve me in my house at the day of my deathe, one yewe and a lambe, to pray for my soule. The residue of all my goodds and cattells, my detts and funerall expenses discharged, I will geve and bequethe to Elizabeth my wiffe, whom I make my sole executrix, so that she do keepe her widowe, requiring her therwithe to helpe my doughters children, as nature and charitie shall move her, at her discrecion and pleasure. In witnes whearof to this my testament I have setto my seals and subscribed my name, the xxvijth day of November, in the yeare of or Lord God a thousand five hundreth fyftie and fyve.

[Prob. 6 Feb. 1555.]

LXXIX. CHRISTOFER PLACE OF HALNABY ESQUIRE.

Christofer Place of Halnaby Esqr.† 20 February, 1555. Alice my wife — my brothers Anthony, George, Robert, John, and William Place — my brother John Place the elder — my mother in law Mrs. Margerie Clarevaux — my 2 youngest daughters Esabell and Dorithe — my 3 other daughters Anne, Elynour, and Elizabethe — my friend and cousin John Dodsworth of Thornton Watlous — my brother in law Thomas Tempest — my cosin Robert Tempest of Holmesyd — my cosin Elizabethe Catericke and my mother in law Mrs. Hoggeson — my sisters Elsabethe Tempest, Isabell Wandisforde, and Margaret Rey — my servant Lawrence Dodisworth and my cosyn his wife‡ — to my servant George Dodisworth 40 s. by yere out of Halnabie grange — my farmholde

* About this branch of the family we have but little information. In 1550 Ann Siggiswicke wills herself to be buried at Melsonbye, if she dies there. She mentions her sons Humfray and Sir Thomas Siggiswicke, and leaves "to the lady prioresse a you and a lame." The lady prioress was Christiana Burgh, the superior of the lately-dissolved nunnery of Nunkilling, in the East Riding. Her will occurs hereafter, and it contains further notices of the family of Sedgwick. Eleanor daughter of Humphrey Sedgwick married William Conyers of Marske, and Elizabeth Conyers, who is mentioned by the testator, was probably a relative of his wife.

† Christopher Place of Halnaby, esq., was the second son of Rowland Place of Halnaby, esq., by Anne daughter of Sir Edward Radclyffe of Cartington, and married Alice daughter of Nicholas Tempest, esq., of Stella, by whom he left five daughters and co-heiresses. His will, which is very long, and generally uninteresting, makes several additions to the family pedigree, for which I must refer the reader to the History of Durham, iii. 236.

‡ Lawrence Doddisworth, whom the testator calls his servant, was a tenant of his at Halnaby Grange, and may, perhaps, have been a tutor in his family. He was the

at the Monkende which I lait purchased of the king. — I am the thyrd heyre in reversion of the manner of Dynsdaill which, if I have no yssue male, I gyve to my brother Robert Place for 40 years. To my servant Lawrence Dodisworth a lease of Halnabie graunge now in the tenure of his father. To my heyres all my harnes and other munitiones and abylements for the warre, and the same to remayne and be put in sayfe custodie at Halnabie till my hayres accomplishe full age. Also I will that the gret pyle in the utter storehowse and the pyle in my bede chamber with also another lesse pyle in the inner closet, two gret speits, one gret beyffe pott, a pottaige pott and a posnet, the yron gallowes in the kytching with two croks and two gret yron raks, and all the salting vessell in the lardhowse, and all the vessell in the brewhouse, as the leads, culling leads, kyle fatts, kneding trows, bolting townes, with also a steepe lead, to be and remayne at Halnabye as heyrelowmes — my sister by her last will and testament did geve unto me xij. silver spones with xij. apostles on hends, and also a standing pece of silver and a cover parcell gylte, reequyringe me that they myghte remayne and be heyrlomes for ever to my heyres at Halnabie. — Alice my wyfe hole executrix, and my friends S[r] George Conyers knighte, William Wyclyffe, Anthony Caterike, esquires, and Thomas Tempest gentleman, supervisors — and, good cosins, for your paynes herein to be susteyned, I do most hartlie require you, even as my singuler trust ys and haith bene in your approved frendshippes, and for a token of frendshipp I geve and bequest unto everie of you my said supervisours, one olde rioll of gold, praying you to accepte the smalnes of the gyfte in good parte, rather then to respecte the simple value theirof.

[On a sort of codicil.] Whereas there is owing to me by the Lord Conyers for my porcion of such mony as he was indebted to my brother George, the some of xlv l. xvj s. x d., ye shall persave that at the death of my suster in lawe* my Lord hyr brother dyd owe unto hyr lxxiij l. vj s. viij d. of hyr mariage money. —

eldest son of George Doddisworth of Halnaby Grange, who is also alluded to in the will before us. He took holy orders and became rector of Gateshead, to which cure he was, no doubt, promoted by the Bishop of Durham, at the request of the family of Place. He married Catherine daughter of Richard Dodsworth of Thornton Watlass, esq., and left issue by her, 1. Christopher; 2. Edward, probably the founder of the house of Barton; and other children. In his will, dated 4 June, 1571, he mentions his kinsman Mr. Robert Place of Dynsdaill, and his brother-in-law Mr. John Doddisworth of Watlass, and leaves his farmhold at Halnaby Grange to his wife for her life. The conclusion of his will is as follows: "My dere and lovinge flocke I comitt to the great shiphard Jesus Christe, whome I desyre to stir up unto them a lawefull and godlie pasture: farewell once agayne my deare and lovinge flocke in the Lorde, to whose onlie providence I comitte you, myselfe, and all myne."

* The will of the testator's sister-in-law, Elizabeth widow of George Place and sister of John Lord Conyers of Hornby, has been already given.

LXXX. RICHARD GURNELL.*

INVENTORY. March 5, 1555. Item ij. paire of stock cards and hand cards, iij s. vj d. Item iij. paire of shears and prissing iren, xij d. Item a bleching caldron, v s. Item a maschefat, vj d. Item a coleron, viij s. Item a hynger, xij d. Item a whenocke and a bassen, xij d. Item a greate pan, ij s. viij d. Item a qwenock, viij d. Item ij. messilling bassens, iij s. Item in womans hoise, iij s. Item a pece of blewe, ij s. vj d. Item xj. yards of mylke and watter, xviij s. Item xiij. yards of curse black, viij s. Item iiij^{or} yards of blewe, viij s. Item ij. yards and a half . . . . vj s. viij d. Item a pece of graye, viij s. Item vij. yards of marble, xj s. viij d. Item x. yards of white carsey, x s. Item xiiij. yards of carsey, xvj s. iiij d. Item ij. yards of carsey, ij s. viij d. Item xij. yards of twylle, viij s. Item ij. yards and a half of white, ij s. Item iiij^{or} yards of white carsey, v s. Item of white carsey undight, xxiij s. Item vj. yards of black puck, xviij s. Item vj. yards of marble, xij s. Item v. quartors of pucke, ij s. Item vj. yards of fyne blewe, xviij s. Item v. quartors of blewe, ij s. Item a yard of marble, xx d. Item a yarde and a half of marble, xx d. Item a yarde and a half of mylk and watter, ij s. Item v. yards and a half of mylk and watter, ix s. Item x. yards of blacke, xxx s. Item vj. yards of cotton white, ij s. Item iij. yards of blewe carsey, iij s. vj d. Item v. yards and a half of white, viij s. iiij d. Item ij. yards and a half of white, iij s. iiij d. Item vij. yards of white carsey, x s. Item vj. yards of white carsey, viij s. Item ix. yards of fyne carsey, xvj s. Item vij. yards and a half of gray carsey, ix s. viij d. Item viij. yards of black carsey, xiij s. Item vij. yards of blewe, x s. vj d. Item a stoyne of blew woulle, xiij s. iiij d. Item in other woulle and garne, xx s. Item ij. webbe unmyllyd, liij s. iiij d. — Item xiiij. peces of clothe, viij li. — Item a sherte and furre, ij s. Item v. sylver spoynes, xiij s. Item a gogon for a possenet, j d. Item a paire of studles and ravinfat, a whealle and a gallan, xiiij d. Item a kelter in Nicolas Gylpyns hands, vij s. Item ij. russetts in Thomas Thomsons hands, xx s. Item in taythe, iij s. iiij d. Item a jacke, ij s. viij d.—Sum xxvij li. ij s. viij d.

* The inventory of a Kendall clothier, containing an enumeration of his stock, which although small is yet interesting and novel. Several others on a larger scale will be found afterwards.

LXXXI. ROGER LATON PARISHE OF HUTTON TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The vij. dai of Decembre after y^e^ computacon of holy churche in y^e^ yere of our Lord God a M.ccccc.l. and vj. that I Roger Laiton* maks this my last wyll and testement as hereafter folowithe. Fyrst and principallye I beqwyth my solle to Almighte God, my bodye to be berred where it shall pleasse my frends at y^t^ tyme, my mortuare to be geving after y^e^ raite and acte of parlement. Also I beqwhythe to my gostly father Sir Thomas Smyth a yowe and a lame to prai for me. Also I wyll make my wyffe and my thre chyldeyng my holle executors of all my guds mueable and unmueable holle with hir that yt ys to saie Francis† Elsaibethe and Bettris, and she to be y^e^ horderrs of yam at hir discresson, and ya to byed the order and counsell of my gud master Wyeklife, and ya all be his vice and councell so to dow at all tymes, for he hethe tane paynes for me right oft, y^r^for I wyll make hym my supervisor of this my last wyll and testament to se that my wyfe and my chyldring in this my wyll have yche right of other, and ya y^t^ wyll not be said Mr. Wyeklife to order thaym as he thinks best, and for yt so dowyng he to have x s. for his gud councell and pains. My wyll fulfyllit, my deetts pait, y^e^ resedewe of all my guds I gyefe to my wyfe and to my iij. chyldring, whome I make my hol executors, the rest of my chyldring to be at amendment as ya geve hir cause to do se to yam things I wyll. Recorders hereof, Lawranse Robinson, Jhon Foster, Colling, Harcholes Lightfot, Sir Thomas Smythe my gostle father, withe other mo. *The Debetorie.* Inprimis Jhon Laiton o'the halle‡ xvj li. xiij s. iiij d.

* Roger Laton of West Laton married Elizabeth daughter of George Lightfoot, and left by her five children, three of whom are mentioned in his will. The testator died on the 4th of December, 1556. This will, which is probably his own composition, is valuable for the quaintness and exceeding simplicity of its expressions. The family of Laton is now represented by the present Archdeacon of Richmond, who, among several other memorials of his ancestors, is in possession of a valuable account of the family, the elaborate compilation of one of its members.

† Francis Laton of West Laton, the only son of the testator, was sixteen years old at his father's death. He married Anne, second daughter of John Laton of West Laton, by Beatrice, daughter of Richard Sedgwick of Walborne, esq. and left by her a large family. He died on the 29th of October, 1609, and was buried with his wife in Ravenswath Church, where his monument is still remaining in the north aisle. His second son, Francis Laton of Rawdon, was keeper of the jewels to Charles II., and died at Whitehall in 1662, at the age of 82. He was the father of Henry Laton of Rawdon, who was the compiler of the interesting genealogical account of his family which has been already alluded to.

‡ Hercules Lightfoot of Newsham, the brother-in-law of the testator, was a member of a very respectable family of yeomen, which afterwards settled at Gilling, Melsonby, and Barton. He married Anne daughter of Ralph Laton of West Laton, and makes

Item Edward Jhonson xx s. vj s. viij d. Item Robert Smythe of Bruntton xx s. vj s. viij d. Item Cristofer Corlle xiij s. iiij d. Item one Branson iij li.

The Invetorie of Roger Laitton of all the guds muable and unmuable praissed the xv dai of Januarie in y^e^ third and fourte of Phillippe and Marie by y^e^ grace of God, praysed by Rayfe Bynks, Richert Cotts, Jhon Herrison and Harcholes Lyghtfote. Inprimis iiij kye v l. vj s. viij d. Item one whye xx s. Item iiij oyxyng price v l. vj s. viij d. Item one qwintter bulle price xx s. Item ij. styrks price xvj s. Item iij chalffs xij s. Item lx yews and gemrs x li. Item xx xvj hoggs iiij li. xvj s. Item ij swyne x s. Item a horse and a meyre xxiiij s. Item hard corne in y^e^ laithe xxiiij s. Item y^e^ haver in y^e^ laithe xx s. vj s. viij d. Item the corne in y^e^ feyeld vj aykers xl s. Item with the howsshold geyre iij l. vj s. viij d. Some his xl xv li. ix li. xiiij s. viij d.

[Prob. 18 April 1559.]

LXXXII. ELLYN TOPPEYM WEDQW.

1556. I Ellyn Toppeym, wedow, beyng seke in my body with the visitacon of God Almyghtye, and beyng of perfect memore, makethe this my last will and testamet in maner and forme insewyng. Furst, I gyff and bequeth my sawle to God Almyghty, our Laide Sent Mayre, and all the blessed companie of hyven, and my boynes to be buryed within the hole buryall at Plumpton, nyghe the playce qwere my husband lyethe. Also I gyff to the churc of Wodplumpton xx s. Item I gyff to Sir Nicoles Lawrenson vj s. viij d. to pray for my sowle. Also it ys my will to be honestle bröght home the day of my buryall; also it ys my will to have one seve of otts to be devyded to the powre in mele for my sawle helth. — Item to Jenet my doghter, all my wolle and wolle garne and my parte of my great chyst and my part of hempe, and she to gyff upon All Sawles daye ij. sherts to ij. powre folks, as she will answeyre me at the day of dome. —

LXXXIII. AGNES SMYTHSON TESTAMENT OF GATERLEY.

In the name of God, Amen. In the yere of our Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth fyftie and sex, the tent day of Decembe, I Angnes Smythson* of Gayterley in the pariche of Myddelton

his will 4 December, 1573, in which he leaves to his brother-in-law, John Laton of West Laton, gentleman, a covered cup, and appoints him his executor, to dispose of his lands for the benefit of his children after the decease of Anne his wife.

* Another will of a member of the widely-branching family of Smithson. She was, in all probability, connected with the house of Moulton. Her will contains some valuable bequests.

Tyas in the countie of Yorke, hole in body and good of remembrance, maketh my last will and testament after this maner following. First I gyve and bequith my soule to Almyightie God, to our blyssed Lady Saint Mary, and to all the company of heven, and my body to be buryed in the parich churche of Myddelton aforesaid within the qwhere ny unto where my husband Robert Smythson lyeth, and I will all the dewtie belonging the churche be gyven with favor. Item I bequith to the sacrament for forgettyng theis xij d. Item to the roode light xij d. Item to the prests, clarks, and pouer people being at my buriall as my frends and executours can provide and thinketh good for my soule health. Item I bequith to William Smythson my brother iij s. iiij d. Item to Nicholas Smythson my sonne Thomas Smythson sonne twentie marks, one great brasse pott, one calderon, one baysyn, one lavor, and one paire of beads of awmer and currell with one ring and one Jesus of silver. Item I bequyth to my sonne thre doughters, that is, Elyner, Agnes, and Kateryne Smythson, to every one of theme fyve pounds thirtene shillings and fower pennes. Item I gyve to the foresaid Eliner and Agnes one paire of long beads of awmer, with silver gawdies and viij. rings of silver; and to aither of theme one belt with buckell and pendant of silver. Item I gyve to the aforesaid Agnes Smythson one paire of sylver croukes. Item I bequyth to a preste to say masse and devyne servesse at Myddelton Tias churche for my soule, my husband's, all my elders soules, and for all crysten soules one halfe yere fower marks, the whiche preste shalbe whome the vicare will have to be there. The residew of all my goods moveable and not moveable, my detts paied, I gyve to Thomas Smythson my sonne* and to Nicholas Smythson his sonne, whome I make and orden to be myne executors. Also I desier and pray Richard Crosby of Richmond† and Thomas Smythson my brother to be supervisours of this my last will and testament, and se it be donne and fulfylled as my trust is in theme. Item I gyve to ather of theme vj s. viij d. Witnesses hereof, Sir Nicholas Smythson vicar, James Thomson, Thomas Yourke, with other moo.

* Thomas Smithson of Gaterley, the son of the testatrix, makes his will 21 May, 1573. He leaves his farm in High Gaterley, which he held under Mr. Francis Bulmer, to Anthony his younger son, excepting the part he had sublet to Leonard Smithson of Moulton. He also mentions his son Nicholas, his bastard son John, and his daughters Allyne Thompson, Agnes and Katherine Smithson.

† Richard Crosby of Richmond, auditor, was a kinsman of the Smithsons. His grandaughter Agnes Wilde married Leonard Smithson, who stands at the head of the pedigree of the house of Moulton. His own will is dated in 1559, and will be given hereafter, together with some more particulars respecting his family.

LXXXIV. ROBERT BROWNE OF ARKENDAILL.

March 2, 1556. Robert Browne of Arkendaill in the parish of Knarisburgh. — Item I bequethe to burne affore the sacrament in Arkindaill chapell a wax taper of searge, to maynteyne God's service ther, ant yt to be renewed everye yere once so longe as God's service shalbe mayntened ther, and I will that the sayd searge be maide and found of the costs and charges of myne executors, so long as any of them remaynes in Arkendaill dwelling. Also I bequethe to Sir Richard Longfelley, prest of Arkendaill chapell afforesaide, to pray for my soule viij d. —

LXXXV. WESTBYE WILLELMI TESTAMENTUM.

March 6, 1556. I William Westbye of Molbrek in the countie of Lancaster esquior* — my body to be buried in the parishe churche of Kirkham in my pue and under my forme ther. — To my servante John Woodhouse, for his juste and faithfull service to me done, one annuitie of xx s. out of my manor of Molbreke. — To George Traves and John Sympson my servants, for ther good service to me done, and hereafter to my son John Westbie to be done, to aither of them xiij s. iiij d. of lawfull Englishe money yerely. — To my son John Westbye all my manor of Molbreke — and my wiff to have no dower or thirds therof in consideracon and recompence wherof I also will that my said wiff shall have — my capitall messe called Burne in Thorneton in the said countie. — Item I will that my said wiff and my said sonne shall kepe house together at Molbreke afforesaid uppon bothe ther costs and charges, so long as they can so aggre. — To everye of my servants being in my service the day of my deathe one half yeres wages. — To Sir William Strenger and Sir Henry Norton prests, to aither of them v s. to pray for me. — To my son John Westbye one gelding. To John Butler, Evan Haddoke, and George Alyn my sonnes in lawe, to everye of them one gelding or a stagg to be a gelding. To Sir Rauf Thomson prest, and Sir Alexandre Dickson prest, to either of them iij s. to pray for me. To everye of the sonnes of Evan Haddocke my sonne in lawe one encalf qwye. To Alice his doughter x li. towards her mariage. To Gilbert Latewis my sonne in lawe, and to his eldest sonne, all my right in one mese in Gosenarghe callyd Clifton

* A member of a considerable Lancashire family. His inventory, almost the only one of a Lancashire gentleman that has been preserved, gives a complete picture of his status in society, and contains many quaint local words.

house, nowe in the occupacion of the said Gilbert, that is to witte, of ij. parts of the said meise or tenemente, which ij. parts I had latelye of the severall graunts and leaces of Gabriell Hesketh and George Venabulles gentlemen. — To Jane Latewis his wiff, one cowe and one calf. To Sir James Smyth, vicar of Kirkham, one horse colte or a foole of a yere old. To my cousyn John Alleyne one gelding or a stagge. To my doughter in lawe Keteryn Westbye one ambringe (*sic*) fillie. To my doughter Elizabeth Allen one ambing filie. — Executors, Elizabeth my wife, John my son, Evan Haddock my son in lawe, and my brother John Allen. — The right worshipfull Sir Richard Houghton knyght supervisor. Witnesses, Sir James Smythe clerke vicar of Kirkham, Richard Houghton of Kirkham gentleman, and Sir William Stringer parishe preste ther, with others. [Prob. 17 July 1557.] (*)

The Inventorye of all and synguler the goodds moveable and unmoveable late William Westby of Molbrek within the counety of Lancaster, esquier, decessid, prased by Rychard Houghton of Kyrkham gent. Henry Wylkyns, John Charnok, and William Tomlynson, jurat' truly to do the same, oppon the xij. day of May 1557, and in the thred and forth yers of the reng of Phylyp and Mary by the grace of God kyng and quene of England, France, etc.

Fyrst in the new parler. Inprimis, ij. fether bedds, on matteres, iiij. coverletts, iiij. blankets, ij. bolsters, iij. pyllows, on coverynge and the curt . . . abowtt and the bed stocks, iiij li. Item on . . . xiij s. iiij d. Item on copp . . . ong bord, on forme, one lytill copp . . . chares, xxvj s. viij d. Item the ha . . . the same parler, xiij s. iiij d. *The chamber over the buttre.* Fyrst ij. fether bedds, iiij. coverletts, iiij. blanketts, iij. bolsters, ij. presses, on bedd, ij. pare of bed stocks, liij s. iiij d. *In the chamber over the melke howsse.* Fyrst on pare of bed stocks, iij. coverletts, on blanket, xiij s. iiij d. Item iij. barrelles, one stelletore, xc. ȝards of hemppen cloth, xx s. *In the chamber over the havll.* Fyrste one fether bedde, one matteres, v. coverletts, iij. blanketts, ij. bosters, ij. pare of bedstocks, xl s. Item ij. chests, one arke, one pare of bed stocks, spade hevens and forke hevens, xxvj s. viij d. Item iij. stonne of tallow viij s. *In the brodloft.* Fyrst iij. fether bedds, iij. matteres, v. coverletts, iiij. blanketts, iij. bosters, vj. pyllous, the hanging abowt ij. bedds, ij. pare of bed stocks, on pare of qwele bed stocks, vj li. Item ix. qwessyons, iiij. chares, on lytill copbord and one lytill copbord cloth, xl s. Item xx. pare of flaxen ſcheytts, vj li. Item xx. pare of lenne scheytts xl s. Item the hengyng abowt the same chamber xiij s. iiij d. *The lytyll chamber at the greisshedde.* Fyrst ij. fether bedds, iiij. coverletts, ij. blanketts, on boster, one pare of bed stockes, on

buffet stole, xl s. *In the utter chamber at the gresse hed.* Fyrst one fether bedd, ij. coverletts, on blanket, ij. bosters, on pyllow, on pare of bed stocks, one chest, on presse, xxiij s. iiij d. *In the lytyll chamber.* Fyrst on fether bedd, on matteres, ij. coverletts, iiij. blanketts, on pare of bed stocks, one pare for a qwele bedd, on chest, on old countter, the hangyng abot the same chamber, xl s. Item all his *arayment and apperrell* xiij li. *In th'estmas chamber oppon the sowth syde.* Fyrst, one matteres, ij. coverletts, ij. blanketts, on pare of bed stocks, one boster, xiij s. iiij d. *In the westmas chamber.* Fyrst, on matteres, iij. coverletts, ij. blanketts, on pare of bed stocks, and one boster, xiij s. iiij d. *In the brew howsse.* Fyrst, ij. coverletts, ij. blanketts, on boster, and on old matteres, viij s. Item ij. marres x li.. Item ij. geldyngs x li. Item iiij. staggs v li. Item one stonnet horse. Item a yong geldyng xij li. Item iij. bull sterks xl s. Item iiij. coltes iiij li. Item xx. mettes of barle sawne oppon the ground iij li. xvij s. Item xxvj. seves of ottes sowin xxx li. Item viij. schore sheppe xxxij li. Item vj. plowes vj s. Item vj. towrve waynes iiij . . . waynes. Item vj. pare of qweles liij s. iiij d. Item xx. mettes of qweit v li. Item xvij. swyne iiij li. v s. Item secks iiij s. *In the chamber next the buttre.* Fyrst, a matteres, a coverlett, on pare of blanketts, one chest, viij s. *In the secund chamber.* Fyrst, ij. matteres, iij. coverletts, iiij. blanketts, ij. pare of bed stocks, ij. bosters, xvj s. viij d. *In the thred chamber.* Fyrst, one matteres, ij. coverletts, iij. blanketts, on pare of bed stocks, on boster, on pyllow, xvj s. Item towrves oppon the hyll xxvj s. viij d. Item towrves oppon the mosse xiij s. iiij d. Item ij. grys hacks viij li. Item v. swannes xxv s. Item hennes, geysse, ducks and cappons xiij s. iiij d. Item tember trees xl s. Item saddelles and brydelles x s. Item on vestment and on albe x s. In the *stabbull.* Fyrst, on matteres, ij. blanketts, ij. coverletts, on boster, on pare of bed stocks, xij s. In the *oxen housse.* viij. coverletts, iij. blanketts, xiij s. iiij d. *In the kytchyn.* Fyrst, vij. brasse potts, ij. pannes, ij. bullet pannes, ij. pryggs, ij. posnetts, on morter and pestell, ij. branderethes, iij. speitts, iiij. gowbirens, on kyrdill, ij° pare of tonges, vj li. v s. Item on fryng panne, ij. crayssetts, ij s. Item ij. browlyng irens iij s. iiij d. *In the brew howsse.* Fyrst, ij. arks, vj. knoppes, on knedyng vessell, xxvj s. viij d. *In the larder housse.* iij. sowttyng tobbes, on bord, x s. *In the entre.* Fyrst, on great ark, vj. skelles, iij. gwenocks, xx s. *In the buttre.* Fyrst, xij. bord clothes, xxxiiij. bord napkyns, x. towelles, xxvj. viij d. Item xiij. sylver sponnes iij li. vj s. viij d. Item all maner of pewter iij li. Item xij. candyll stecks, ij. chaffyng dyscheys, xvj s. Item xvj. barrelles and one oggished xx s. Item on ambre vij s. *In the hag housse.* Fyrst, vj. pare of plow irens,

iiij. harrows and all the geare thereto belongyng, xxij s. viij d. Item iiij. qwele bannes, vij. reddyng hacks, x s. iiij d. Item v. marlyng hacks, xiiij. yocks with ryngs, x s. Item on framyng saw, one homer, on payr of pensers, ij s. Item vj. forks, vj. foyt spades, iij. axes, iij. wembelles, xj s. Item on fexell, on knyffe, on cheissell, one cowrge, x d. Item ij. pare of wayne robpis, vj. pytche forks, on hocke, viij. towrve spades, iiij. pare of clamers, vj s. Item xv. temes, on marlyng wembell, on cuttyng spade, on dubbyll hew, viij. mowyng sythes, x. sekelles, a brere hocke, a lattyng axe, xxxvij s. *In the hawll.* Fyrst, on counter, on chare, the hengyng, xiij s. iiij d. *In the old parler.* Fyrst, ij. copbords, on pare of bedstocks, the hengyng abowt the same, xl s. *In the kyln.* Fyrst, vij. seves of otts, v li. xij s. Item xlviij. metts of otte malte iij li. xij s. Item xlviij. metts of barle malte ix li. iiij s. Item other xij. metts of otte malte, and viij. metts of barle malte xl s. *In the barnes.* Fyrst, xviij. metts of qweit iiij li x s. Item xiiij. metts of barle xlix s. Item xiiij. seves of ottes xj li. iiij d. *The kye.* Fyrst, xlv. kye and iij. bulles iij^{xxli}. iij li. Item xxxj. oxen iij^{xx}li. xv li. Item x. bullocks xv li. Item vij. qwyes vij li. Item xv. mares xx li. Item iiij. geldyngs xiij li. vj s. viij d. *At the barne.* Fyrst, vj. oxen x li. Item xviij. sterres xxij li. xiij s. iiij d. Item xj. heffers xv li. xvj s. viij d. Item xxj. twenters xiiij li. Item xxiiij. sterks x li. Item ix. schore hewes and lames xviij li. Item xl. geld schepe viij li. Item ij. marres and ij. coltes iij li. Item ij. mares of ij. yers old liij s. iiij d. Item iiij. staggs vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item xxij. metts of barle sowne and unsowne iiij li. Item other ij. metts of barle viij s. Item iiij. seves of otts sowin xlviij s. Item iij. seves of otts unsowne xlviij s. Item the melne geare iij s. iiij d. Item yorin vj s. viij d. Item of gold x li. Item on pare of bagg ryng iij li. Item in gold rynges iiij li. Hec sunt debita quæ mycchi debentur Olyver Thornton iiij li. iij s. iiij d.

LXXXVI. TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI CONYERS NUPER DE MARSK ARMIGERI.

I William Conyers of Marske esquyer,* 11 March 1556,— to be buried in the parishe churche of Marske. To Keteryne

* The testator was the son and heir of William Conyers of Marske (who died in 1553-1554), and married Catherine, one of the three daughters and co-heirs of James Mauleverer of Wooderston, esq., by Anne daughter and co-heir of Ralph Wycliffe of Wycliffe, esquire. By her he left an only daughter and heiress, Jane Conyers, who married Arthur second son of the notorious James Phillip of Brignal, and carried the estate of Marske into her husband's family. The son seems to have been merely a tool in his father's hands, for no sooner had he obtained possession of Marske than he

Conyers his wiff his goods and cattells at Stonesdell and his interest therein of the tack and demyse of his brother Christofer, and his leasse of the tyethe corne of Huddiswell. To his said wife and to William Clapham his syster sonne his lease of the leade myndes in Arclegarthdaile. To his said wife his fermehold called Poncherde after suche yeares as Rauf Gower nowe haith in the same for her life, and then to his dau. Jayne Conyers. — To his servante Richard Lockay his lease of the heabege of Downeholme parke — all these bequests to the custodie of William Wiclif of Wiclif esquyer, John Wiclif of Dalton and James Phillop. To Thomas Rookebye of Mortham esquyer one gray gelding callyd Gray Tailior. To William Wiclif a yong grysselde stoned horse and to James Phillop a gray amblinge mare which he had of John Denny — his wife executrix. — Witnesses, Sir Matho Blaymyer parson of Marske, Sir Christofer Bekwithe prest, Sir Arthure Tailior preste, Henry Tirrell etc. (*)

[Prob. 4 May 1557, before Mr. Wm. Rokeby Vicar General, adm. to the executrix.]

INVENTORY, 30 April 1557 — soulkynge calves — wayndede calves — a yowe and a lambe valued at iiij s. together. A gray horse callede Gray Tailliour liij s. iiij d. A yonge grysselde stonede horse in Hornbye parke, xl s. A horse called Gray Craven xxxvj s. viij d. — A litle sylver salt with a cover parcell gilt, one drynkinge cupp with a cover of sylver parcell gilte, and xij. sylver sponnes, praysed alltogether lxvj s. viij d. George Conyers of Whitby esquyer, oweth iiij^{xxti}. Roland Tophame of Carlysle oweth for a hors called Gray Swan vj l. xiij s. iiij d.

LXXXVII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS FUTHROP DE HIPISWELL ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xxij. daye of March, in the yeare of our Lord God 1556, wytnesses that I, John Fulthrope of Hipswell esquier,* hole of mynd and seycke of bodye, making my wyll

began to persecute the paternal relatives of his daughter-in-law by raising suits against them, and in some cases even proceeding to open violence. He was always deeply in debt, and in order to extricate himself from his difficulties he leased out the inheritance of his son's wife. See Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica, vol. v.

* The testator was the head of a very ancient and considerable family which had been settled at Hipswell near Richmond for many generations. He married Jane daughter of Thomas Wharton, esq., and sister of Thomas the first Lord Wharton, and left by her two daughters and co-heirs. Anne his eldest daughter married, first, Francis Wandesford son and heir of Christopher Wandesford of Kirklington, esq., by whom she left a large family; and, second, Christopher Neville of Kirby Moorside, esq. Cecily, his second daughter, married Christopher Wandesford, a younger brother of the above-named Francis Wandesford. The will of the testator's widow, and that of his son-in-law Francis Wandesford, will occur hereafter. A considerable portion of the

and last testament, after this maner folowinge. First I bequyethe my soule unto Allmyghty God, and to his mother our Ladye Saint Marye, and to all the holye companye of heavne, and my bodye to be buryed in Catrecke churche, neyre unto my father and my mother. Also I doo bequiethe at the daye of my buryell to everye preast within the parishe xij d. And to other preasts without the parishe viij d., and to clarcks ij d. and to poure folks pense a pece; and one dyner at my place for my freands and neighbours that do offer with me. Also I do bequiethe to my sonn Frannces Wansforde Waytwythe Grainge,* and all that belongs thereto. Also I doo bequiethe to everye servant within my house x s. a pese. Also I doo bequiethe to Sir Wyllyam Wryght x s. Also I doo bequiethe to Sir Robert Carter x s. Also I doo bequiethe to Christofer Fulthrop and Symon Fulthrope, my brother sonns, x. marks rent in Waithwaithe, and in the newe close, duryng theyre natural lyfe, whiche rent is in the holdinge of my tennaunts of Waithwaith and Richard Freare. Also I do bequiethe to Frauncis Fulthrop iij li. vj s. viij d. durynge his naturall lyfe, in the houldinge of Christofer Atkinson and James Atkinson at Sandbeke, eyther of theme xxxiij s. iiij d. Also I do bequiethe to Antonye Fulthrope, iij li. vj s. viij d. durynge his naturall lyfe in fower closes lyinge of the east side of the lonynge betwext Richmond and Hypswell, whiche closen is in the houldinge of Hew Bankcasse wyfe, Charles Johnson, Rafe Pacocke, Mathew Hurd, and vj s. viij d. of Christofer Atkinson and James Atkinson, and ij s. viij d. in one close in the west syde of Lyngus close, in the holdinge of James Hirde. Also I do bequiethe to James Fulthrope iij li. vj s. viij d. duryng his naturall lyfe, xx s. in the holdinge of Wylliam Cawart, and xx s. in the Corne closses in the howldinge of John Tippinge and Christofer Poulaye, and x s. of Carnegill close in the houldinge of Cuthbart Kearton wyfe, and xiij s. iiij d. in a parcell of the Oxe closse that is in the houldinge of Roberte Stevenson, and iij s. iiij d. of Renard Binxce. And also

old hall at Hipswell, with the offices attached to it, is still standing, though we regret to say that, even within these last few years, much of the old building has been removed. The fragment that remains possesses considerable architectural beauty, and may be assigned to the middle of the fifteenth century. Above a handsome oriel facing the south is the cross moline of the Fulthorpes, and above the door of the porch are the initials G. W. (George Wandisford) and the date 1593. The house was originally moated, and the remains of the ancient terraces and gardens with which it was surrounded may even now be traced out. It is at present converted into a farm-house by the family of Wandisford, who are still the possessors of their forefathers' lands.

* Waitwith Grange was part of the possessions of the dissolved monastery of Easby. The testator was also the farmer of the tithes of corn and hay in Scotton and Appleton, which had formerly belonged to the Priory of St. Martin near Richmond, and the owner of other church lands.

I do bequethe to the aforesaid James Fulthroppe iiij li. in monye. Also I do bequethe to John Fulthroppe iij li. vj s. viij d. duringe his naturall lyfe, lyinge by Stertfurthe hall, in the howldinge of James Blaydes, provided alwayes that thesse aforesaid Christofer Fultheruppe, Simon, Francis, Anthone, James, and John to receve thesse aforesaid rents at the dayes accustomed, Martinmes and Witsontyde, without anye other profetes belonginge the aforesaid lands; provided always, if therbe anye good man within the cuntrye that will tayke upon him to amende Catherigge Brigge, I will give to the mendinge iij li. vj s. viij d.* Also I do bequethe to Jean Fulthroppe my wife the thirde of all my lands unbequethed and all my purchese lands, excepte Wethwethe Grange, and iiij. marks in Richmond, dowe unto the prests of Cathericke. Also I do mayke Jean Futheruppe my wyfe my full executrices of all my goods bothe moveable and unmoveable, and my Lorde Whorton to be supervisure of this my last will and testament, and to se this my will and testament be fulfilled in all maner of legaces and bequests, and for his payentayking I do bequethe to him vi li. xiij s. iiij d. The rest of my goods unbequethed I do give to Jean Fulthrope my wyfe, whom I mayke my full executrix, my debds payed, my funerall expences made, and this my last will and testament fulfilled. To wytnesse whereof Robert Stevenson, Christofer Bowe, Thomas Burrall, and Robert Garwhete, with other moo.

LXXXVIII. CHRISTOFER BESTE† TESTAMENTE PAROCHE OF WATHE.

In the name of God, Amen. The xxiij. daye of Apriell and in the yere of our Lorde God a M.ccccc.lvij. I Sir Xp̃oforthe Best of the pariche of Wathe, hole of mynde, wake in body, nevertheles of gudde rememorans, makethe thys my last wyll in manar and forme here after foloyng. Fryst and pryncipall I gyffe my sole unto the mercy of Allmyghtty God, and to our Lady Sant Mary, and to all the company of heven, and my body to be buryed wythin the pariche churche erthe of our Lady of Wath. Item I

* Other bequests to the mending of Catterick Bridge will occur shortly.

† The testator had been the "incumbent" of the chauntry of St. John in the church of Wath, which was founded by John Appulbye, clerk, in 1332. In the survey of Edward VI. he is stated to be "of the aige of lxviij. years, well lerned, of honest conversacion and qualities, having no other promocions but the onelye revenewe of his sayd chauntrye." He seems to have retired upon his pension, and to have taken with him the goods and ornaments belonging to his chauntry, which are valued in the survey at 2*l.* 13*s.*: he directs them, however, to be duly restored. He was no doubt a member of a very respectable family seated at Middleton Quernhow, in the parish of Wath.

gyffe unto the churche of Wath xij d. Item I gyffe unto Sir John Dyxson my surpclothe. Item I gyffe unto George Best xl s. y^t^ he hathe of myne remanyng in hys hande, with all other stuffe he hathe of myne remanyng in hys hande, excepe a Flanders kyste and y^t^ thing y^t^ ys within yt. Item I wyll y^t^ George Best paye for all my funerall expencis y^e^ daye of my bureall for thys fore sayd monay and stuffe y^t^ I do gyffe hym. Item forther more I wyll that George Best restore to Wathe churche a almere, a vestement, and a portys, y^t^ belongeth unto Sant John chapyll. Item I wyll y^t^ Xp̃oforthe Bowton schall ressave yerlye my pencion duryng my naturall lyfe, and to use it to hys most profet, fyndyng me with mete, drynke, clothyng, and all other thyngs to me necessary. Item y^e^ ressidu of my gudds I gyffe to Xp̃oforth Bowton, whome I make my executor of thys my last wylle and testament; the wytnys and records, Wylliam Armyn, prest, John Dyxson, clerke.

LXXXIX. WYLLYAM KNYVETT OF THORNTONBRIGS.

In the name of God, Amen. The xiij^th^ daye of the monethe of Auguste, the yeare of oure Lord God M^l^.ccccc.lvij., I Wyllyam Knyvett, of Thorntonbrigs in the countie of Yorke gentleman,* seke in bodye, whole of mynde, and in good and perfytt remembraunnce, laude and prayse be unto Almyghtye God, dothe make and ordeyne this my present testament and last wyll in maner and forme followinge, that ys to saye; Furste I commend my soule unto Almyghtye God my mayker and redemer, and my bodye to be buryed within the churche of Brafferton, beinge my paryshe churche. Item I geve and bequethe unto the hye alter of my sayd paryshe churche ten shillings. Item I geve and bequethe towards the reparacons of the same churche ten shillings. Item I geve and bequiethe to Wyllyam Knyvett my sonne ten pound in money. Item I geve and bequethe to Herrye Knyvett my sonne ten pound. Item I geve and bequethe to Marye Knyvett, Sybbell Knyvett, Jone Knyvett, and Dorothe Knyvett my doughters, and to everye one of theyme, sexe pound thretene shillings and fowre pence. Item I geve and bequethe to Margerye Knyvett my yongeste doughter one lytle sylver pott doble gylt

* William Knyvett, who had, no doubt, migrated from the South, had a life-interest in Thorntonbriggs, in right of his wife, Catharine Neville, one of the three daughters and coheirs of Sir Ralph Neville of Thorntonbriggs, and the widow of Sir Walter Strickland of Sizergh in Westmoreland, who died on the 9th of January, 18 Henry VIII. He was the occupant of the old manor-house of the Nevilles, and was at the same time the lessee, under Cardinal Pole, of the rectory of Kirkby Hill, &c. part of the possessions of the dissolved priory of Newburgh.

wythe the cover therof. Item I geve and bequethe to Alys my wyf the leace of the personage of Kyrbye upon the hill, Norton, Mylbye, Cundall, Letbye, and others, as ys specifyed within the sayd leace. Item I geve and bequethe to Alys my sayd wyfe the leace of my howse att Wappinge nere London, clearlye to enyoye the commodytie of bothe the sayd leasses to her owne proper use. Item I geve and bequethe to Jane my wyfes suster, beinge Guye Betts wife, one round pounsed sylver salt wythe the cover to the same belonginge, and to the onlye chyld of her bodye att any tyme herafter begotten. Item I geve and bequethe to Sir John Ellercare preste my nyght gowne and one clothe jackett. Item I geve and bequethe to my servand Laurens Watter my blacke nage. Item I geve and bequethe to everye one of my servands all there wages that ys to theym dew, and to Laurens Watter, John Crowe, Robert Carous, and William Hedlam my servands, and to everye of them, sexe shillings eight pence over and besydes there wages. Item I geve and bequethe the thyrd parte of all my goods and cattells moveable and unmoveable to Alys my sayd wyfe to her owne proper use. Item I geve and bequethe to everye howse wythin the paryshe of Brafferton aforsayd vj d. Item I wyll that all suche detts and dewtyes as I owe of ryght or of consciens to anye person or persons be well and trewlye contented and payd by myne executryxe herafter named. Item I wyll that my sayd (wyfe), my cheldren, and my servands the daye of my buryall be clothed all in blacke. Item I ordeyne and mayke Mayster Walter Strykland* supervysor and overseer of this my last wyll and testament, and for hys paynes I geve and bequethe to hym my great blacke geldynge. The resydew—to Alys my sayd wyffe, whome I make my full and sole executryxe.—Wytnesses herof beinge present, Christofer Lee vycar of Brafferton aforsayd, Thomas Nelson of Brafferton, Martyne Bell, George Ward, Roberte Darbye, and Wyllyam Banke of Helperbye, wythe othere moo.

Thys ys the INVENTARIE of all the goods, cattells, and detts of Wyllyam Knyvett of Thorntonbrigs in the countie of Yorke esquyer, deceassed, praysed by the discrecion of Thomas Dent of Ellyngthorpe in the sayd countye yoman, Myles Wythes of Letbye yoman, Rauff Bell of Rypon yoman, Thomas Nelson of Brafferton yoman, Wyllyam Banke, Martyn Bell, and Roberte Walker of Helperbye in the sayd countie, yomen, the sext daye of Decembr, anno regnorum Philippi et Mariæ quarto et quinto. *In the hall.* One large table, iij. trestles, one forme, one old carpett for the table, one old cubbord, and one brod shorte table, xiij s. iiij d. *In*

* The son of the testator's wife by her former husband Sir Walter Strickland of Sizergh. His will and inventory will occur shortly, and it will be seen from the latter, that he maintained an establishment at Thorntonbrigg.

the highe parlure. One great jonetd bedsted, (iiij l.), ij. fether beds, one matteris, ij. bolsters, ij. pillowes, one pare of blanketts, and one counterpoint to the same bed, of emygerie worke, withe iij. cortayns of grene and red saye, and yron rods for the same, viij l. One counter and ij. old coverings for the same, and ij. longe damaske sylke chusshengs, xiij s. iiij d. v. sylke chusshings, xxv s. One dosen other old chusshings, x s. One table, one joned forme with a counterpoint to the table, and ij. trestles, x s. iiij. throwen chares and vij. joned stowles, x s. One joned bow case with quyver, vj s. viij d. One great pare of andyrons, one pare of tongs, one fyer shuvell, and a pare of bellowes, xiij s. iiij d. *In the next chamber called the seller.* One joned bedsted, one fether bed, one bolster, ij. pyllowes, ij. blanketts, one counterpoint to the same, wythe an old teaster and old grene hangengs aboute the chambre, wythe a joned chare, xl s. *In the chamber over the highe parlure.* One trenell bedsted, ij. old fether beds, ij. lytle coverletts, and ij. bolsters, x s. One counterpoint for a table, xx s. One counterpoint lyned with canves, one whyte quylt, iij. lytle bankers, and a chusshinge, xx s. One lytle round table, one pare of tables, ij. chares, vj s. viij d. One Flaunders cheste, x s. ij. lytle andyrons, a paire of lytle tongs, and an olde fyere showle, iij s. iiij d. *In the chamber wherin the servenge men lyethe.* ij. old fether beds, iij. blanketts, ij. bolsters, and iiij. old coverletts, xx s. *In the heighe galyrye.* vj. joned iij. cornerd stowles, with other hustlement there, vj s. viij d. *In the parlure next the courte.* One joned bedsted, ij. fether beds, one pare of blanketts, one counterpoint for the same, ij. bolsters, ij pyllowes withe a teaster, and iij. old cortayns of yalowe and red saye, vj l. One trenell bedsted, one fether bed, one bolster, one payre of blanketts, and one coverlett, xx s. One sypers cheste, xiij. pare of lynnynge shetts in the same cheste, v. dyeper table clothes, ij. playne table clothes, a doson and a halfe of dyeper table napkings, one dosen of playne table napkings, ij. dyeper towells, and iiij. playne towells in the same cheste overworne, the hole vj l. x s. One great Flaunders cheste and xvij. pare of lyne shetts in the same cheste, iiij l. iij s. iiij d. In the same cheste xxv. pare of harden shetts, xliij s. iiij d. In the same cheste ij. old dyeper table clothes, vij. old and newe playne table clothes, xvj s. iiij d. In the same cheste vij. harden table clothes, vij s. In the same cheste vij. hande towells old and newe, iiij s. In the same cheste half a dosen of old playne table napkings, xviij d. One Flaunders cheste being emptie, v s. A presse for his apparell, vj s. viij d. In the same presse one gowne of blacke damaske faysed with budge, iij l. vj s. viij d. One tawnye chamlett gowne faysed wythe leȝers, xxxiij s. iiij d. One tawnye satten doblett and one cremyson satten doblet, iij l. One

rawed canves doblett and one old tefeny doblet in the same presse, vj s. viij d. One blacke satten jerkyn gardett wythe velvett, one olde velvett jerkyn, one blake clothe cott, and one pare red skarlett hose, xliij s. iiij d. One lether gerdle, one canves purse, and xxxiij s. iiij d. within it in money, xxxiij s. iiij d. One old cubbord and one lytle table, iij s. iiij d. In the next chamber being *the Maydens chamber*. One old bedsted, one matteris, one bolster, one old blankett, one old counterpoint, and one lytle coverlett, v s. iij. newe coverletts in the same chamber, vij s. ix. old coverletts, iiij s. ij. old wood chests and a whype sawe, iiij s. In the chamber called *the Nursserye*. One joned bedsted, ij. old fether beds, one bolster, one pyllowe, one old counterpoint, one old coverlett, with a teaster, xl s. One trenel bedsted, one fether bed, one bolster, one pillow, and one payre of blanketts, xiij s. iiij d. One old chiste, one lytle cubbord, and one throwen chare, iiij s. In the *chamber over the nursserye* wheras the gentlemen lyethe. One joned bedsted, one fether bed, one matteris, ij. bolsters, ij. pyllowes, one pare of blanketts, one counterpoint, iiij. corteyns of tawnye sarsenett, and a teaster of cremyson velvett and blacke damaske, with hangings of old yalow and red saye aboute the chamber, v l. One other joned bedsted, one trenell bedsted, one fether bed, one pare of blanketts, ij. bolsters, one lytle coverlett and a counterpoint, xxvj s. viij d. In the *buttreye*. Two baysengs and ij. ures of pewter, vj s. A dosen pewter platters, vij. pewter dysshes, vj. potyngers, a dosen sawcers, a tyne botle, a wyne quarte pott, xxxviij s. viij d. An old cubbord there, xij d. In the *ketchynge*. xix. old pewter platters, xiij s. iiij d. vj. old pewter dysshes, ij s. vj. old pewter potyngers, ij s. x. old pewter playtts, iij s. iiij d. x. old pewter saucers, ij s. One pewter hand baysenge, xiiij d. ij. great lattynge candlesticks, v s. xj. old lattynge candelstycks, vj s. viij d. ij. braysenge morters with ij. pestles, xx s. One brasse chaffer, vj s. viij d. One old fyer panne of brasse, ij s. iiij. great brasse potts, xxxiij s. iiij d. iiij. lytle brasse potts and iij. lytle possenetts, xij s. xiiij. pannes and kettles great and lesse with on old chaffynge dyshe, xxvj s. viij d. ij. old frynge pannes and ij. old dryppyng pannes, xij d. ij. pewter drenkinge potts, xij d. iiij. great yron spytts, viij s. vj. other lytle yron spytts, v s. ij. pare of yron rostynge racks, ij. yron rekens, one pece of yron to hange the same upon, ij. hocks of yron, one old brandrethe, one gerdyron, one pare of tongs, ij. choppinge knyves, iiij. pare of old pot hocks, xx s. One old wesshinge tubbe, with all other hustlement there, xij d. In the *pantrye*. One troughe for bread, withe other hustlement there, iij s. iiij d. In the *lead howse*. One old matteris, ij. old coverletts, one wood axe, with other hustlement there, vij s. In the *chappell*.

One old cheste, with all other wood hustlement there, v s. Within the *tower at the gaytt.* ij. axletrees, withe other shepe barres and hustlement there, iij s. iiij d. In the *brewhouse.* One lytle lead with ij. kelers of lead, one wood moldynge bord, wyth all other huslement there, xxxvj s. viij d. In the *kelne howse.* One newe stepynge fatte and an old, with old kelne hayres, xvj s. viij d. In the *yard and parke.* xij. posted tymber trees, xl s. vij. rughe tymber trees and a pare of wayne blayds, with other cuttyngs of tymber, x s. All *fyer wood,* withe other odd ends of tymber, x s. ij. old mylne stones, iij s. iiij d. One yron bound wayne and ij. unshode cowpes, with wayne hed, yocks, and shakle, liij s. iiij d. One pare of yron bound wayne wheles, xxvj s. viij d. v. yocks with yron dressed, v. yron teames, ij. plowes, ij. socks of yron, one yron colter, and ij. pare of horse gere, with a pare of wayne fleaks and a sled, xx s. *Cattell.* viij. old drawinge oxen lyeinge in the howse, xvj l. vij. stotts drawinge, x l. x s. iiij. other yong stotts, iiij l. xiij s. iiij d. xvij. kye and one bulle, xx l. viij. sterks and one lytle whye, v l. x. calves, xxxiij s. iiij d. *Horssez* and *mares.* One graye aumlynge geldyng, vj l. One baye trottynge geldynge, iij l. iij. old mares with iij. yonge fooles under thyme, iij l. vj s. viij d. One blacke trottyng nage, xx s. One graye aumblynge colte, xl s. One gresseld aumblynge nage, xxxiij s. iiij d. One baye aumblyng colte and a gray amblynge colte, xxxiij s. iiij d. v. mares, iiij l. vj s. viij d. iiij. yonge felyes and one lytle graye nage, liij s. iiij d. *The shepe.* Fifty old shepe, wedders and yowes, vj l. xiij s. iiij d. iij. score and xv. lambes, v l. *Corne in the laythes.* In the west laythe bye estimacion xxxij. qwarters of rye, xvj l. In the same laythe bye est. iiij. qu. of wheat, xlviij s. In the same by est. xvj. q. of barlye, viij l. In the same by est. x. q. of otts, l s. In the same by est. half a qu. of pece, v s. In the *haye laythe.* ij. bayes of rye, bye est. xxx. qu., xv l. Haye in the same laythe, xxxiij s. iiij d. In the same one oxe harrowe and certeyne tymber, with all other hustlement there, vj s. viij d. *Corne* growing in the feld. Rye growynge in the lytle browme close bye estimacion, v l. Corne in Kyrkbye tythe laythe. Rye bye estymacion xvj q., viij l. Barlye bye est. vj. qu., iij l. Otts bye est. iiij. qu., xx s. Wheat bye est. v. busshells, vij s. vj d. *Hoggs.* v. sewes and one boore, xxvj s. viij d. vj. yonge holdynge swyne, xx s. *Playtt* in the howse. On chalys with the patent and gylt weyinge xv. unces and di., iij l. xvij s. vj d. One great drenkinge silver pott with the cover and gilt, weynge xvj. ounces, iiij l. One lytle drenkinge pott of sylver withe the cover and gylt, weinge x. ounces, l s. One sylver salt with the cover and gylt, weinge xix. ounces, iiij l. xv s. One lytle drenkinge silver pott wythe the cover broken and gylt, weinge xij.

ounces, iij l. One lytle sylver salt with the cover and gylt, weinge vj. ounces, xxx s. One goblett of sylver parcell gylt, weinge xxj. ounces, iiij l. xviij s. An other goblett of sylver parcell gylt, weinge xvij. ounces, iij l. xix s. iiij d. An other goblett of sylver parcell gylt, weinge xvij. ounces, iij l. xix s. iiij d. vij. sylver spones, weinge vij. ounces and half, xxxv s. iij. stone drenkinge potts covered with sylver, bye estymacion ij. ounces of sylver, ix s. iiij d. Sum, xiiij^{xx}iij l. x s. iiij d. *Detts* owinge to the testator att his dethe. Roger Wythes of Westwyke, for the half yere farme of the tythe corne and haye of Langthorpe, dewe att Martynmas laste, v l. For corne sold in the markett at severall tymes, xlviij s. Sum, vij l. viij s. Summa totalis, xiiij^{xx}x l. xviij s. iiij d.

Detts that the testator ought the daye of his dethe. To my Lord Cardinall's Grace* for one holle yeres rent of the tythes of Kyrkbie upon the Hill, Norton, Cundall, and others, xxxviij l. xij s. iiij d. To Thomas Knyvett that he borowed, v l. iiij s. viij d. For rent dew at Martynmas last to Mydlam Caslle, iiij s. ij d. ob. To the Mount of Saint John's, dew at Mychaelmas last, xx s. To Mayster Dalyvyrer for free rent, v s. To Alyce Allenson for the hyre of one cowe one yere, v s., &c. Summa, v^{xx}viij l. ix s. iiij d. Servants wags owynge as after. To John Crowe for iij. yeres and a quarter wage, xliij s. iiij d. To Laurens Watter for half a yere wag, xvj s. viij d. To Robert Carous for a quarter wage, v s. To John Yoman for a quarter wage, viij s. iiij d. To William Hedlam for a yere and a qu. wage, one liveraye, and other moneye that he layd out att severall tymes, xlv s. vj d. To Alyce Allenson for ij. lyverayes, xvj s. viij d. To Maude Tomlynson for a lyveraye, v s. *His funerall.* Moneye bestowed in things nessessarye att his buryall to prests, clerks, and poore people in the church and thorowe the paryshe, xij l. vj d. Summa de claro, debitis deductis, viij^{xx}iij l. viij s.

XC. GEORGE FISHE VICAR OF KIRBY ON THE MORE.

September 6, 1557. George Fishe vicar of Kirby on the More — to be buried in the chancel of Allhallows, Kirkby — to be delt for my soul on the day of my buryall x li. To every grisse house within the parishe which hath no corne growing, one busshell of rye — to the churche a reade velvet cope, to be praid for, a corporaxe of blewe and white velvet, and two torches to be brunte within the churche — To Agnes my sister my best gowne and my amblinge mare —

* The famous Cardinal Pole. He had, no doubt, obtained a grant of these leases from Queen Mary. He died in the following year.

XCI. CHRISTOPHER GRYME OF RICHMOND.

Nov. 16, 1557. Chr. Gryme of Richmond miller — To John Teysdayll a yokindale of sylver, and to my brother William Neilson a Spanyshe peace of sylver of ij s. ij d. To my landlord Christofer Ward an angell noble of golde. —

XCII. PHILIP MATHEI DE WATHCOTE.

In the name of God, Amen. I Mathew Phillipe of the Waithcote* in the countie of Yorke, gentleman, holl of mynd and remembrance, the eighten day of Novembre, the yeare of th'incarnacon of oure Lord a thousand fyve hundreth fiftie and seven, doo ordeyne — my bodye to be buried in the quere within the parishe churche of Easby, where I will that one honest prest, by the appoyntment of my supervisors underwritten, shall sing and pray for my soule and all christiane soules departed out of this world in the faith of Christ, by the space of one yeare, taken for this sellary and waige eight marks — Item I bequeath xl s. towards the menging or beylding of the south yle of the said parishe churche of Easbye, so that the said yle be amended or newe beylded within one yeare next folowing my departure. Item I bequeath to Francis Wenslay my sonne in lawe xl s. To Raufe Sigiswicke my sonne in lawe a yonge horse of the value of xl s. or else fortie shillings in money, and to my dowghter his wyfe an amblinge fille. Item I bequethe to Henry Foster my sonne in lawe a horse of the value of xl s. or else fourtie shillings in money — To my dowghter Grace iij li. vj s. viij d. To Sir John Moore prest xx s. — To my sonne George Phillipe iij li. vj s. viij d. yearly for the space of sex yeares out of the revenewes of my lands called Lownewathe closses within the parishe of Richmond — and if it shall chaunce the wyfe of Robert Philipe to dy before the end of the said sex yeares then the said George to have the hole rente of Lownewathe aforesaid, during the tyme of the said sex yeares then uncommed — upon this

* Mathew Phillip of Wathcote, near Richmond, and of Morton Tinmouth, County Palatine, married Isabella, sole daughter and heiress of George Parkinson of Beamond Hill. He became owner of Morton in right of his wife's mother, Agnes Morton, one of the two daughters and co-heirs of John Morton of Morton Tinmouth. Margaret, the other daughter, married . . . Foster, and her son Henry is probably the son-in-law whom the testator mentions below. This will makes very considerable additions to the pedigree of Phillip of Morton Tinmouth, and goes far to connect it with the house of Brignal, which is enveloped in such a veil of mystery and enchantment. The will of the arch-magician James Phillip will be given hereafter. Wathcote formerly belonged to the abbey of St. Agatha at Easby.

condicion that the said George shall dyligently apply his learning during all the tyme of the said sex yeares, eyther at Cambrigge or els at London, in the Innes of the corte — To Dorythe, Phillipe, Margaret, Grace, Anne, Barbary, Mary, and to Ceicille Phillipe, my dowghters, to every of them xx li. To Ezebell my wyffe sex pound thirtene shillings foure pennes, and the third parte of my goodes, or ells a hundreth marks, if she therwith shalbe better contented — my ferme hold called Haughton feild in the countie of Duresme — To Edward Phillipe my sonne the mesuage of the Wathcote — rem. to Henry Phillipe my sonne — rem. to John my sonne — rem. to Percivall my sonne — Arthur P. my sonne. INVENTORY dat. 12 July 1558 *(inter alia)*. A paire of silver beads with a crose of silver doble gilt, xl s. j. sylver salt, xvj. silver spoynes, j. masser egged about with silver, xj li. xiij s. iiij d. — Goods at Morton — my Lord Scrope owes for iij. yeares fee x li. To Robert Phillipe for a geldin viij li.

XCIII. HENRICI GRENE TESTAMENTUM.

In the name of God, Amen. 15 Marche, 1557. I Henry Grene of Newbye esquyer * — my bodye to be buried in the churche of Topclif so nye my father as may be. Item I geve to the hye alter for forgotten tithes x s. Item I give to the churche-warks x s. Item I will that I have masse and *Dirigie* song for me in myne owne chapell at Newbye, my corpus being ther presant. Item I will that he that shall celebrate the hye masse for me the day of my buriall shall have iij s. iiij d., and the deacon iij s., and the subdeacon ij s. viij d., and everye prest inhabiting within the parishe ij s., everye other prest xij d., the clerks of the parishing vj d., every other clerke and scoler ij d. — Whearas my father by his last will dyd give unto my mother Dorothe Grene ten pounds over and besydes her joynter, I will my said mother shall have and receyve the same during her naturall lyff — To my welbiloved wiff Mary Grene the resydew and right of all suche yeares as I have of the gift of my father of the tithe corne and hay of Balderby for the keping of her house — To my syster Elesabeth Grene ten pounds, which I am charged to pay her to the preferment of her mariage — and vj li. xiij s iiij d. as my proper gift — Wheras my father dyd give and be-

* Henry Grene of Newby, esq., the head of a considerable family of gentry, married Mary daughter of Richard Norton of Norton Conyers, esq., and left by her four children. His widow re-married John Lambourne. When the rebellion of 1569 broke out the whole family, with all its connections, entered into that ill-fated enterprise, and John and Henry Grene were committed prisoners to Durham gaol. Of their subsequent fate little or nothing is known.

quethe to every one of my brethren iij li. vj s. viij d. annewytie for ther naturall lyves — I will that they shall receive them according to their patens — my maner of Newbye to Mary my wiff for her life — and then to my sonne John Grene and his heires — my annuall rent of vj li. xiij s. iiij d. out of the lands, &c., in Ripon, whiche my brother in lawe Edmonde Norton dyd purchase off the right honorable earle of Westmerland, I will that my wiff receyve it to the use of Henry Grene my sone till he be xviij. — then he to receyve it during his lyff — To my son Ingram Grene iij li. vj s. viij d. yerelie out of one tenement in Dalton, &c. — my wiff to receyve it for him till he be xv. — To Frances my doughter vj li. yerely out of the lands in my mothers holding during the tearme of xvj. yeres — To my brother John Grene one tenement in Asynbye wherin my mother dwellith, during the full tearme of xviij. yeres. — The resydewe of my lands to John Grene my sonne and his heires — To my brother in law Francis Norton my yong dyrke gray gelding — To Thomas Kettlewell and his wife one cowe and a calf — To my brethren Thomas and Christofer, either of them iij li. vj s. viij d. — supervisors, my wellbeloved father in law and my welbeloved brother in law Francis Norton, most hartelie requyring them to see the same performyd — to Mary my wife my lands at Skelton during her lyff. (*)

[Prob. 2 May, 1558.]

XCIV. ANE NYCHOLLSON TESTAMENT DE CRUKE.

. . . [uxor Christoferi Nycolson] de Croyke* — I beqweth and recommend my soule into ye hands and ayde of Almyȝty God, my maker, and redemer of all this transytory worlde, havyng full trust and confydens yt thrughe ye meryts of hys bytter deth and passyon my soule shall inheryte and come to ye celestyalle kyngdome of hevyn; besechyng our blessed Lady, the most pure and gloryóus virgyn, with all the hole cowrt and company in hevyn, to pray for me, and my body to be erthed and buryed at my parysse churche of Kyrkby in Kendall — Also yf yt pleas God to sende me save delyverans and a chrystyn soule, aither dorter or son, and yf ye same lefe to yt be of leyfull age, unto ye same I beqweth and frely gyfs all my goods moveable and un-

* A most affecting will. The testatrix, who had apparently just lost her husband, makes her will in anticipation of dying in childbed, and her provisions for her child are very interesting and simple. She seems to have been a member of the family of Carus, and to have been possessed of considerable worldly wealth. Her fear of death appears to have been but too well founded, as she must have died very soon after the date of this will, which does not seem to have been ever proved.

moveable. — Also, yf I departe at this tyme, I beqweth unto Agnes Bulmer, Esybell Clerke, and Agnes Knype, to every of them xl s., and yf bothe my childe and I departe then I wyll y^{t} every one of the said iij. maids have vj s. viij d. Also yf bothe my childe and I departe at y^{is} tyme then I beqwethe unto John Pennington, Thomass Wylson, Herre Docker, Robert Grene, and the late wyf of James Wastell, to every one of theys xl s. Also if I departe at thys tyme I forgyfe Thomas Warcopp half of the monie y^{t} he aght unto my husbande, and yf bothe my childe and I departe now then I frely forgyf the said Thomas all y^{e} hole some of monye y^{t} he aght my husband. Also yf I departe nowe then I forgif Herre Clerke the dewtye y^{t} he aght my husband. Also I beqweth unto James Atkynsone of the hall xx d. If bothe my childe and I departe then I beqweth unto John Cawrew and his wyf xl s. and all my husband's shotyng gere and a damask dublet y^{t} was my husband's. — To Randall Wesshtons wife a sylver spone and a new blake collor and a blake velvet purse. To my syster Elsabeth a pair of blake velvet slefes, and to Christofer Sands wyf a blak velvett capp. — To Robert Bynloes wyf my best gold patlet, and unto Herre Wylson wyf my other gold patlet. — To my mother in lawe my best sylke hat. — Yf both my chide and I departe at this tyme then I gef unto Herre Wylson my horse. Also I beqweth unto John Fawraw wyf a sylke hat and a grene sylke purse. Also I leyfe my best gold ryng with my brother parson, and yf my child lefe he to leyffe the seyd ryng with my said chylde, and yf the sayd chyld departe then the sayd ryng to remayn for ever with the said parson and his assignes. — To Robert Wylsons wyf my best broche; unto Katryne Cayrus another broche, unto Elsabeth Cayr .... a crosse of sylver, unto Barnabye Byndlous I beqweth a george of sylver, unto Randall Smyth also I beqweth my . . . sylver ryng, unto Elsabeth Wesshton I beqweth a bukkyll of sylver and a sylver ryng, unto ij. dorters of Christofer Sands, whytch I helpet to chrysten, I beqweth *(blank)*, unto Esybell Smyth a broche y^{t} standeth upon a ald sylke hat. — Executors my brother parson Cayrus, and John Nycolson my father in law — Richard Cayrus and Robert Byndlous supervisors — The rest — I beqwethe unto y^{e} poyr people impotent, seyke and wayke, at y^{e} dysposytyon and ordryng of myne executors and supervysors, as they wyll answer afore the judgement seat of Christ at y^{e} day of dome. In wytnesse of the trewth and y^{t} this present testament cometh of my mere mynde, without compulsyon or provokyng of any person levyng, unto theys presents I the sayd Anne have setto my scalle and sygne manuall, theys wytnesses, John Ayray, Raynold Bateman, and Sir John Jackeson, with other moe.

Feb. 14, 1557. INVENTORY of Anne Nycolson relictæ Christoferi Nycolson de Croyke, de parochia Kendaliæ, praysed be Jams Clerke, John Ayray, John Lokey, Robert Wylson, bodely buke sworne. Inprimis, in lyn clothes belongyng hyr body, iij li. In slefes, purses, glofs, and a reben, iiij nobles and xiiij d. Item in broches, ryngs, and a sylver spone, xxvij s. Item a bed with yt apparell, iij li. vj s. viij d. Item ij. pair of shets xv s. Item ij. velvett capp xv s. Item iij. hatts and ij. capps xix s. Item ij. frokks xlvj s. Item a chamlet kyrtyll, and a wyrset kyrtyll, xl s. Item a fustyan kyrtyll vj s. viij d. Item ij. rede petycotes and ij. whyte petycotes xxvj s. viij d. Item a cloke xx s. Item a pair of hoose and shone xvj d. Item a jaket xiiij s. Item another jaket v s. Item a gowne, a wyrset jaket bound with velvet, and a sable (qy.) dublet, iiij li. xx d. Item a ledder dublet and a cloke xiij s. iiij d. Item a pair of hoose and a pair of stokks of hoose and a capp v s. Item a syde saddyll ij s. viij d. Item ij. bowes and a whyver and xviij. shafts xij s. Item ij. ald purses, a knyfe, and a belt viij d. Item iij. ald shepe viij s. Item a saddyll and a brydyll v s. Item ij. horses v li. xiij s. iiij d. Item sylver in a purse xxxviij s. Item receyved of Robert Byndlous for det of Maystris Hutton xlviij s. viij d. More in monie xiij d. Somme xxxv li. xviij s. vij d. *Detts* dew unto the said wif at hyr departing. Item in detts awyng at London with disparate detts and all, vj. score and viij li. xv s. and iiij d. Item clothe in Blackwell halle xvij li. ij s. ij d. The hole somme cxlv li. xvij s. vj d. Item that Rawland Phillipson awe xxx li. xiij s. iiij d. Item for grownde in Staveley viij li. Item for rantes at war sold x s. The totall somme of goods and detts vj. score pounds ix s. v d.

XCV. MR. JOHNE LATON TESTAMENT, PARISH OF WELL.

In the nayme of God, Amen. The sexte day of Apryll in the yere off our Lord God M.ccccc.lviij. I John Laton of Snape Low Parke* — I gyff unto Marjorye Laton my wyfte such lands and tenements as I have purchased within the lordshipp and grounds att Skulterskelf, and Osmoderlay within the countye of Yorke, and after her dyseas, the same lands and tenements to remayne unto John Laton my eldest son, and to his heyrs for ever. And I gyf unto the said Margery my wyfe all myn hooll intreste,

* John Laton of Snape Low Park was descended from a younger son of the family of Laton of Sexhowe. He was the son of William Laton, who died 6 Henry VIII., by Margery daughter of Thomas Montford, and having married Margery daughter of .... Dodsworth of Thornton Watlass, left by her four sons and a daughter. All his sons died childless. He was probably a tenant at Snape under Lord Latimer. The will of his wife will occur afterwards.

ryghte, and tytle which I have for th'one halfe off an oxgane land at Newby upon Wyske for terme of certayn yers yit nott expyred. And I gyf unto my said wife and to John Laton myn eldeste son, and to the over-lyffer of them, all my hooll ryghte, title, and intereste of all and syngler such yerely annuities as I have att any tyme heretofore opteyned and bought of any person or persons eyther att Snape or Skampston within the said countye of Yorke — And I wyll that the said Marjorie my wyfe to have and occupie for terme of her lyfe all my fermyngs both tythez and oder which I have at Well, Tiddellfude, Est Harellyssey, and att Ilton in Mashamshire, and the corne tythes for the kynge parte att Karethropp, with all maner comodyties and profetts to them or any of them belongyng. And I gyf unto my son Christofer Laton v li. over and besyde his bairne parte and my best horse. And the reste of all my yers of my farmyngs at Well, Ilton, and Carethropp tythe forsesaid, after my said wyfe disceas. And I wyll and desyre that my said son Christofer may have the maryage of Isabell Mennyll the king's ward, afore she come to xvj. yers old, or ells to eyther off my two oder sones George or Herry Laton, and yf ytt chaunce ye said Isabell utterly to refuse all my said sones, then I will that her mariage be soold afore her said age of xvj. yers, and the said Christofer Laton to have the full halfe therof towards his preferment of mariage or oderwyse, and resydue of the value of her said mariage equally to be devided emongs all oder my said sones and my said wyfe. And for all maner rentts and other yerely profetts comyng or growing of all the said Isabell is landds to be receyved yerely by my said wiffe or her assyngnes, and the moyte therof she to retayne to her own proper use, and th'oder moyte to be dysposed and devided after her dyscrescon to and emongs all oder our children. And I gyf to our younger sones George and Herry Laton v li. in money to eyther off them over and above ther bairn parts. And I gif to Agnes Laton my doghter xl li. towards her maryage and in full payment of her bayrn part. And I gyf her also vj. sylver spones and a fetherbed wyth all things therunto perteynyng. And I wyll she have a cowe and a whie as gode in value as those were that her grandaym my moder and her cosyn Ane Lyster* gaffe

* Anne Lyster, who was probably own sister to the testator's wife, was the wife of Richard Lyster, gentleman. In her will made at Masham, July 3, 1552, she directs her body to be "earded" in the church of our Lady at Masham. She leaves to Richard Beckwith "a cowe called young alblack;" to Margaret Beckwith "iiij kye called flowreld, old alblak, white fote with her calf and a tagged whye with calf;" to her sister Dodisworth her best gowne and hat; to her son John's wife a pair of corall beads; to Dorothy Parker a pair of l'amber beads and a velvet patlet; to Dorothy Dodsworth her best basin and her best charger; to her daughter Beckwith her syde saddle; and mentions her brother Anthony Dodsworth. [Prob. 28 July, 6 Eliz.]

her, with resoonable satisfaccion for the calfs I have had of them. And I gif to John Laton my eldest son my flowr off gold with a stone in y^{t}, and xx. nobles in money, besyds his bairn parte. And I wyll that after my wyffs desceas my said son John Laton to have all myn farmyngs at Sidal, Est Haresley, boithes tythes and all oder — and my said wyf to paye hym xxvj s. viij d. yerely at Mertilmes and Pentycost by evyn porcons duryng tyme off her occupation of the farmyngs, or any oder person or persons — and I gyff to Isabell Mennell my best mere, a fetherbed, a bolster, a par sheets, a par blankets, ij. coverletts, and a counterpoynt. I gyff unto my Lord Latymer xl s.*. I gyff to th'endmendmentt of the churche warke at Well, and for my lying in the churche there x s. Also I gyf to Mr. Vycar there x s. To Sir Jamys Place xl d. — And whereas John Dalton heretofore delyvered me v. marks to kepe, which afterwards by reason of the fall of money was but xxxiij s. iiij d. which sume I wyll he be rekenyed for, and to be satysfyd thereof accordyngly. The resydue — to Margerye Laton my wyfe — my executrix.

INVENTARIUM. Inprimis, viij. oxen price xij li. xvj. kye and a bull price xxj li. xvj s. xvj. yonge nowte price xvj li. A fatte cowe price xxxiij s. iiij d. A fatte oxe price xxiij s. iiij d. Cattells att Syddall prased to xiij li. xix s. iiij d. Horses and mayres xij. price xvij li. xiij s. iiij d. Att Hylton a mayre xx s. Att Hylton xj^{xx} wedders price xxxiij li. iiij^{xx} yowes price x li. iiij^{xx} lamès price v li. Corne in the bayrne att Well xviij li. Corne att Parke iiij li. Corne in the garners, ij. quarter off mautte, halfe quarter of saute, one bus. of otte meyle, with tubs kepying them, xxviij s. — v. bylls and battell axes price v s.

Howsoldstofe.—Inprimis in the halle a cubbert, iiij. baysins, ij ewers xxxiij s. iiij d. Item a cunter, ij. carved buffets, ij. fyrms, a side burde, a long-syttell, a ferme, ij. chayres with lokkers ij s. iiij. chayres, a buffett stole, iij s. Item a table clothe, a carpett, ij. dowsans of quyssyns xxxvj s. viij d. ij. jaks, iij. cotts of platte, one stele cape, ij. par of splents, ij sallets, a clok, ij. crosbowes, xl s. — Item a sylver pece, and vj. sylver spones iij li. xiij s. iiij d. Item a sylver salte parcyll gylte cont' in weyght eyghte unce, xl s. xij. sylver spones iij li. vj. other sylver spones xxx s. A lytle sylver pece cont' v. unce xxv s. Also a chalys wyth a patten xxxij s. In money spentt about Mr. Laton's buryall v li. ix s. x d. All hys raments v li. In money lx li. Summa cccxxviij li. xix s. iij d. Sorties for children porcons Richard Danby of Carthorpe, gent., and William Dutton of Well.

* John Lord Latimer of Snape, who married Lucy daughter of Henry Earl of Worcester. He left by her four daughters and co-heirs, and died on the 22nd of April, 19 Eliz.

XCVI. HENRY SLINGER OF LITTLE HUTTON.

13 May 1558. Henry Slinger of Little Hutton * — my lands in Fysheburne and Awldeburghe to Peter my eldest son after my wifes death. — Arnecliffe church to Anne and Elizabeth my daughters — Edyne my eldest daughter and Anthony and Henry my sons — Jenet my daughter — To Isabel (or Elizabeth) my wife my part of the tithes of Great Hutton and Caldwell during my lease — my brethren, Chr., Rauf, Francis, and John Slinger — to Maistress Pudsay xx s. To my young Maister Pudsay a frenche crowne — to the lone of Girlington iij s. iiij d. [Prob. 14 July 1558.]

INVENTORY 30 May 1558 (*inter alia*). Item a marble cloke, vj. sharts, j. swourd and a swourd girdle, xviij s. iiij d. — *Debts to him.* Inprimis Mr. Robert Menneyll, sarjiaunt of law, viij li. Thomas Willyamson, gent. xiiij. li. vj s. Charles Lyster, gent. ix li. xvij s. vj d. William Asmell, dwelling in Loncastershyere, vj li. James Slinger of Buckden v li. xiij s. iiij d. John Laton of West Laton gent, iij li. vj s. viij d. Item the said John for a closse before hand payed iij li. vj s. viij d. Mr. Thomas Rookeby of Morton, squiere, iij li. vj s. viij d. Mr. Thomas Pudsay, squiere, x li. Sir John Betson, curet Gretham, vj s. He owes to his brethren Christopher, Raufe, Francis, and John xiij li.

XCVII. TESTAMENTUM ALICLÆ CONYERS.

In the name of God, Amen, the xxiijth day of the monthe of May in the yere of our Lord God 1558. I Alice Conyers of Danby of Yoore widow,† of the parishe of Thorneton Steward, hole of mynde but seike in body, maiks this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing. First I bequithe my soule to Almightie God and to our blissed Lady Saynt Marye and to all the blessed companye of heaven, beseching Almightie God of his infinite goodnes to have mercye therof. Item I will that my bodye to be buried withe the parishe churche of Thorneton

* A very respectable Yorkshire yeoman, who was a tenant under the family of Pudsay at Little Hutton. He appears also to have held leases of other property belonging to the same family in Craven, and in other parts of Yorkshire. The will of his father John Slinger has been already printed.

† The testatrix was one of the two daughters and co-heirs of Thomas Fulthorpe of Ryall Hill, esq., second son of Alan Fulthorpe of Hipswell, esq., by Edith sole daughter and heiress of John Hore of Ellisfield, county of Oxford, and was the widow of John Conyers of Danby, esq., the son and heir of Cristopher Conyers of Pinchinthorpe, by Alice base daughter of Richard Neville Earl of Warwick. Her husband died without issue 23 May, 6 Edward VI.

Steward in the where nye unto my mothers boones. Item I will and bequethe to the said churche xx s. and one vestment of tawnye velvett with all suche thyngs that I have belonging to the same, and the said xx s. to be bestowed upon suche things as shall serve abowte the highe altar. Item I will that my executors at the day of my buriall shall give to everye prest xij d. and to everye pore bodye j d. and to all honest men that doth offer with me a dyner, and the resydew of the charges of my funeralls I leave to the discrecion of my executors. Item I will that my executors withe the proffet of my ferme hold of Hutton Hang thre yeres next after my deathe shall the said thre yeres fynde a prest to syng in the said Thorneton churche for my father soull, my mother soull, my husband soull, and my soull, and all christen soules. Item I will that my executors with fortye pounds of my goods shall purches so muche lands as the said xl li. will purches, and if ther be meanes founde by th'executors of Mr. Fulthrope of Hipswell* and th'executors of my brother Symond Conyers† that a prest shall sing continuallie at Catrick for ther soules, then I will that my executors shall maike suche assurance as the lawe will devise that the said londs by them purchaced may goo and contynewe towards the fynding of the said prest ther to the entent the said prest shall pray for my father soull, my mother soull, my husband soull, and my soull; and if by the defaute of the executors of Mr. Fulthrope the said prest dothe not ther sing continuallie, then I will that my executors with the proffetts of the said londs shall maik one obsequi yerelie for my soull in the place whear I am buried. Item I bequethe to Sir Christofer Mitchell x s. desyering hym to sing for my soull one trentall of messes. Item I give and bequethe to my welbiloved syster my lease of my mylns. Item I give and bequeth to Christofer Scrope my lease of Hutton Hang, after the thre yeres ended, to bring hym uppe. Item I give to my nece Jane Pudsay my sylver salt and half of my houshold stuff at Brotton. Item I bequeth to my cosyn Anne Scrope all my houshold stuff at Danbye and half the household stuff at Brotton and my great

* John Fulthorpe of Hipswell, esq., her kinsman, whose will occurs two years previously.

† Simon son of Robert Conyers of Danby by Anne daughter and heir of Thomas Mountfort, esq., married Elizabeth the only sister of the testatrix, and left by her an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth, who, in the 9th of Elizabeth, married Henry Scrope of Spennithorne, esq., son of John Scrope of Hamleton, county of Bucks, esq., by Phillis daughter of Ralph Rokeby of Mortham, esq., and grandson of Henry Lord Scrope. She died 3 March, 1609, and her husband's will is dated 20 August, 30 Elizabeth. He is then styled of "Danbie upon Yore;" and among other things he leaves to his son Francis "half a dozen gelted spones with the arms of Bolton, provided that he shall not claime any geyfte of my Layde Lomley." The estate of Danby is still held by his lineal descendants.

caldron. Item I bequeth to my said cosyn Anne my sylver bowll. Item I bequethe to my cosyn Elizabeth Scrope my sylver goblet. Item I bequeth to my nevew Thomas Carlell* vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item I bequethe to my brother Rolland Pudsay xl s. Item I bequethe to my brother Nicoles Pudsay xl s.† Item I give and bequeth to my brother in law Maister Simond Conyers one stagg. Item I give and bequeth to everye of my men servants iij s. iiij d. Item I give to my maid Elisabeth Hodgeson iij s. iiij d. Item I give and bequeth to mending of Ulsay brigg xiij s. iiij d. Item I give and bequethe to everye servante in house iiij d. Item I give to my curate Sir William Sergentson v s. Item I give to Sir William Carter to pray for me v s. Item I give to Anne Scrope my trussing coffer with all therin, gold and sylver excepted. Item I give and bequethe to cause a obet to be done at the churche of Trynsall (*sic*) for my husband soull this yere xxvj s. viij d. Item I give to Anne Scrope ten silver spons. Item I give to Vicar of Thorneten for tithes behinde ij s. Item I give to my syster Elsabeth Conyers my best gowne and my best kyrtle. Item I give and bequeth to my nece Alice Carlel iij li. vj s. viij d. Item I orden, maike, and institute my welbiloved syster Maistres Elisabeth Conyers and my cosyn Henry Scrupe of Spenythorne my executors of this my last will, desyering as my trust to se this my last will be performed, and I give to my said executors either of them xl s. Item I will that Alison Stokesley shall have for fasting for me iij s. iiij d. Witnesse that this is my last will I have caused my name to be subscribed the day and yere above written. Thes witnesse, William Sergentson clerke, vicar of Thornton Steward, Symond Aiswith, Otivell Chamer, and John Ello. Alice Conyers. (*)

[Prob. 14 June 1558, adm. to Henry Scrope.]

XCVIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BROCKALL CLERICI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xx. day of June, in the year of of our Lord a thousand fyve hundrith fyfty and eight, I John Brockell of Rychmond in the county of Yorke, preist,‡ — my body

* Elizabeth, one of the three daughters and finally co-heirs of Christopher Conyers of Pinchinthorpe, married Richard Carlell, and had issue, Thomas, who was living at Taunton in 1591, and Alice, who is mentioned below.

† The mother of the testatrix, after the death of her first husband, Thomas Fulthorpe, re-married Rowland Pudsay, the third son of Henry Pudsay of Barford, esq., by Margaret daughter of Sir John Conyers of Hornby, and left issue by him. He settled on his wife's estate at Langley in Warwickshire, and was the founder of a family which continued there for more than a century.

‡ The testator, who was a member of a respectable Richmond family, was the last incumbent of the chantry of St. Anne, in Richmond church, which was founded by . . . Cardmaker, vicar of Catterick. The chapel was at the east end of the north aisle.

to be buryed in the churche of the said Richmond, in my chauncell, and for my lay bedd ther I gyve to the churche xiij s. iiij d. Item I gyve to be distributed in the day of my buryall in penny dole, as far as it wyll goo, in the parissh churche of the said Richmond iiij. markes. Item I gyve iij s. iiij d. to make a brigge at Incrofte head. Item I gyve to Patrick Bronton churche iij s. iiij d. Item I gyve to every house in Hunton ij d. — Item I gyve to xij. wedowes to wake with my body one nyght ij s. Item I gyve for viij. searges to be sett over my body in the mess tyme xij d. — Item I gyve to every godbayrne I have iiij d., and to every scoller I have ij d. — Item I wyll have mess and *Dirige* songe at my buryall day, and every preyst to have viij d., and the person ij s. viij d. — Item I gyve for the torches and the clothes that which is accustomed. — Item I gyve to Wylliam Blaydes wyfe a golde ringe. Item I gyve to Rychard Binkes x s. Item I wyll and gyve to Margarett Herryson my servant the house that Isabell Renton dwellithe in, being underneathe my chambre, duringe hir naturall lyfe, and to pay no rent therfore. —

XCIX. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ LORD MONTEGLE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xxviij. day of Julie, in the yeare of our Lord God 1558, I Thomas Staneley knight, Lord Mountegle,* of the parishe of Mellinge, beinge hole of mynd and of perfect and good remembrannce, laud and prayse be unto Allmightie God, dothe ordeyne, constitut, and make my last will and testament in maner and forme as heareafter dothe followe. Furst and principallie I giff and bewhethe my soule to the mercifull hands of Allmightie God, my maker and redemer, throughe the merits of whose blessid passion and deathe I have full confidence and trust to be savid, and to inherite and possesse the eternall and hevenlie kingdome with the elect and chosen compayny of God, and my bodye to be buried within my parishe churche of Mellinge with all dutties, laudable service, and ceremoney to be done for me ther on the day of my buriall. I doo constitute and order by vertue and effect hereof my welbelovid wif dame Ellyn Mont-

* Sir Thomas Stanley, second Lord Monteagle, was the son and heir of Sir Edward Stanley, Lord Monteagle, the hero of Floddonfield, by Anne daughter and co-heir of Sir John Harrington, and was grandson of Thomas the first Earl of Derby. In the 19th of Henry VIII. he attended Cardinal Wolsey on his embassy to France, and in the 24th year of the reign of the same king he was made Knight of the Bath at the coronation of Queen Anne Boleyn. He married, first, Mary daughter of Charles Brandon, Duke of Sussex, by whom he left six children, and, secondly, Ellen daughter of Sir Thomas Preston of Preston Patrick, by whom he had no issue. He died at Hornby Castle on Sunday the 18th of August, 1560, and was buried in the chancel of Melling.

egle the sole and onelie exccutrixe of this my last will and testament, whome I besuche, as my trust is, to se the same executid and fulfilled in every behalff, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, as heareafter ensuinthe; and where I, the said Lord Montegle, at the making . . . am possessid of and in the parsonages of Mellinge and Bowllton in the countie of Lancastre, and also of and in the parsonage of . . . the countie of Yorcke, and as well of and in all the glebe lanndes, tithes, oblacons, prophetts, commodities, and advanntages, and every of them severallie apperteyninge whatsoever to the said parsonages, and every of them apperteyneythe and belongethe, beinge part, parcell, or membre of the same or any of them, for and enduering the terme of manye and . . . verse yeares yett to come, I giff and devise by theis presents all the said parsonages with the glebe lands, tithes, oblacons . . . commodities and advanntages to the same parsonages, and eny of them severallie apperteyninge and belonginge, to the said dame Ellyn my wife, to have, hold, and enjoye the said parsonages and every of them, with all and every other the premisses and appurtenances, to the said dame Ellyn my wife, immediatlie after my deceasse and departure, too and for theis intents, oose, and purposes followinge; that is to say, the said dame Ellen shall after my deathe justlie and trulie content and paye my debts . . . and bequests with the isshewes, revenews, and prophetts which shall come and grow of the said parsonages, glebe lannds, and tythes . . . ther the premisses with th'appurtenances after my deceasse, whiche she shall yearlie receyve and taicke to th'use afore rehersid. Item I give and bequeithe to Elsabethe Stanley my doughter four hundrithe m'ks, to my doughter Margret Stanley four hundrithe m'ks, and to my doughter Anne Stanley four hundrithe m'ks, to and for the preferment and advauncement of there marriages, and the same my gifts and legacies to be a full contentacon and exoneracon . . . childs parts or filiall porconn of my goods and cattalls. The said severall somes to be taken by my said executrixe . . . the isshewes revenews and prophetts of the said parsonages, glebe lannds, and other the premisses with th'appurtenances, and to be . . . by hir to the said Elsabeth, Margrett, and Anne, in maner and forme afforesaid; and if any of my said doughters be called to . . . before she be advannced and solempnized in marriage, then I will that hir parte and porcon of the said somes so to hir geven as afore is said shalbe payed by myne executrixe to the over lyver or lyvers of my said doughters or doughter, for a further augmentacon and preferment of marriage of my said doughters so surviving and overlyvinge, if my said doughter or doughters so overlyvinge shall channce or happen then to be unmarried and espousid. Item

I gif to Anne Stanley my bastard doughter xx^te^ poundes, which legacie I will my executrixe shall leyve and paye unto hir of the isshewes, prophetts, tithes, and other the premisses to the said parsonages belonginge. Item I gyv to my suster Banister* xx^te^ m'ks to be leveyid of my goods and catalls. Item I . . . to my brother Christofer Prestonn† xx^tie^ m'ks to be leveyid also of my goods and cattalls. Item I giff to Thomas Prestonne,‡ Thomas Cayrew y^e^ yonger, Thomas Cansfeild, and Richard Travice, every of them one geldinge of the valew of v. m'ks. After my debts and legacies leveid and payed as is aforesaid of the said parsonages, tithes, oblacons, and other the premisses to . . . parsonages belonginge, then I will that dame Ellyn my wif, and onelie executrix of this my last will, shall from thencforth have, hold, occupie, and enjoye all the said parsonages, glebe lanndes, tithes, and all other the premisses with th'appurtenances, to hir most profett and advauntage duringe suche a numbre of yeares as shalbe then to come in the same. The residue of all my goods, cattalls, plaitt, jewells, and houshold stouff not bewhehed I giff to the said dame Ellyne my wif, she to deposse . . . as in hir discrecon shalbe thought moost meit and expedient. Item [I] giff and bewhehe to the said dame Ellyn mye wif the wardshipp and marriage of Miles Huddleston, sone of Brian Huddleston, lait of Whitington within the countie of Lancastre deceassid, with all commodities and prophetts unto the same Myles belonginge, with hole title and tenandright of one cloisse and parcell of ground lying in Whitingtonn [in] the countie of Lancastre aforsaid, commanlie called the Bleasse, to th'onelie oose of the said dame Ellyn my wif and hir assignes, to ordre, gyve, and despose the same as she shall thinke most expedient and good by hir last will and testament or otherwise. Item I giff to every of [my] servannts which have patentts of me one hole yeare waigge, to be accomptid from the day of my deceasse, and to be leyveid and payed by my said executrix of the isshewes and prophetts of the parsonages, tithes, and other the premisses to the said parsonages apperteyninge. Also I ordeyn, constitute, and make my very good lord and coisinge th'eirle of Darbie, Sir Thomas Dacrs knight, sone and h . . . to my Lord Dacrs, John Preston, and Thomas Cayrus th'elder,§

* Anne Preston, the sister of the testator's second wife, married William Banister of Bolland, in Lancashire.

† Christopher son of Sir Thomas Preston of Preston Patrick, and founder of the house of Preston of Holker in Westmoreland.

‡ Eldest son of John Preston of Furness by Margaret daughter of Sir Thomas Curwen of Workington, and grandson of Sir Thomas Preston.

§ Thomas Carus of Kirkby Lonsdale, a justice of the King's Bench, married Catherine daughter of Sir Thomas Preston of Preston Patrick, sister to the wife of the testator.

esquiers, my bretherin in law, to be supervisors and overseers of this my last will and testament, besuchynge them, for the love of God, to se the same executid and fulfillid in every poynt and article, accordinge to the true entent, purport, and meaninge thereof, and to be ayders, holpers, and assisters to my said executrix in y^e^ performynge of the same, as my very trust and confidence restithe in them that they will doo, unto whom I giff and beqwithe for the payns to be taken and susteynid in and about the same thertie iij. pounds vj s. viij d., that is to say, to my said cosyinge th'eirle of Darbie tene poundes, to Sir Thomas Dacrs tene pounds, to Mr. John Preston sex poundes xiij s. iiij d., to Mr. Thomas Cayrus vj li. xiij s. iiij d.; the same severall somes last rehersid to be leyvid and payed to them by my said executrix of [the] isshewes and prophetts of the said parsonages, tithes, and other the premisses to y^e^ said parsonages apperteyninge and belonging. And further, by vertue, force, and effect of this my last will and testament I do revocate and mak frustrat all other wills and testaments, legaces and gifts by me maid, legatid, or bequestid in any wise heartofore. In witnes and testemony whereof I the said Thomas Stanley knight, Lord Mountegle, to this my lawfull last will and testament have put my seale at armes, and the same have subscribed with myne owne hand and signe manuell, the day and yeare above written, theis being witnesses. Sealne, subscribed, and delivered in the presence of John Preston, Thomas Cayrus esquier, Christofer . . . ton gent., Richard Middleton gent., Tho. Gerwetsey, Thomas Mort, Richard Forster . . . Readman, William Readman, Giles Batson, Leonard Langton, and diverse others, xxix. die Decembris, 1558 *(sic)*. [Prob. 29 August, 1564, in ecclesia de Cathed. and adm. given to the executrix.]

C. RICARDI BOWES ARMIGERI TESTAMENTUM.

In the name of God, Amen, 11th August, 1558. I Richard Bowes of South Cowton, esquier,* of hole and perfite mynd — My body to be buried in some convenient sepulcre nye unto the

* The testator was the fourth son of Sir Ralph Bowes of Streatlam by Margery daughter and co-heir of Richard Conyers of South Cowton, esquire, who brought the estate of South Cowton into her husband's family. Like many of his ancestors, he was fortunate enough to secure an heiress for his wife, Elizabeth, one of the two daughters and co-heirs of Roger Aske of Aske, esquire. To this lady he was married in 1522 or 1523, and had by her a family of fifteen children, among whom were the famous knight and marshal Sir George Bowes, and Robert Bowes the ambassador to Scotland. In 1548 and 1550 we find the testator holding the important post of Captain of Norham Castle, and it is very probable that the reputation of the father was one of the chief causes of the son's mission into Scotland. On the death of his brother Sir Robert he became the representative of the male blood of the house of Bowes, but he only survived him a short time.

place whear it shall please God to call me to his mercye, by the discrecion of my frends and executors. Item I bequeth to the churche wheare as my bodye shall be buried xx s. Item I give to the curate of the said churche whear my bodye shalbe buried one new riall of gold. Item I will that my funeralls be celebrated and ordered by the discrecion of executors, with the advice and counsaill of my frends. Item I will that before myne executors do meddle anything withe the administracion of my goods, cattells, or moveables, aither to theire owne use, or to the performance of any of my bequests (excepted the charges of my funeralls and thes forsaid bequests heretofore mentioned) thay taike suche ordre with all the gentilmen that stondath bounden to the king and quenes maiesties by recognisaunce in the Exheker for me for the detts of my laite brother Sir Robert Bowes, knyght* deceassed, as the said gentilmen and every of theym shall think good and sufficient for discharge of them towards the king and the quene, either els delyver unto them suche somes of money as shalbe able to pay and discharge them, so that they be saved harmeless agaynst the king and quene for the cause afforesaid. And the said sommes of money to be taken furste out of the hole goods, cattells, and moveables, before any further administracon or medling with them or any of them. Item I will that all my detts and all the detts of my said brother S^{r} Robert be paid in as convenient tyme as reasonablie canne be; and if my goods, cattells, and moveables will not extende so farr over and above the expenses of my funeralls, my forsaid bequests and paiment of the detts dewe unto the kinge and quene on delyverance of the foresaid somes of money for discharging of the forsaid somes of money for discharging of the forsaid gentilmen, then I requyre my sonne George Bowes,† that in discharge of my conscience and

* Sir Robert Bowes, an elder brother of the testator, held many important offices under the Crown and see of Durham. He was eschaetor of Durham by patent 16th July, 1529–1543; member of the Council of the North; lord warden of the East and Middle Marches, in which capacity he drew up two careful surveys of the borders, the first in 1542, and the second in 1550. On the 25th September, 1551, he was sworn of the Privy Council to Edward VI., and in 1552 he was appointed Master of the Rolls. On the death of his master he joined the party which supported Lady Jane Grey; but he appears to have soon regained the favour of Mary, for on the 27th April, 1554, he received a present of 100*l.* from her, and was sent to superintend some military operations at Berwick, where he died within the year. His inventory, which tells us of his gold chain, which was valued at 109*l.* 17*s.*, and his splendid array, has been already printed by the Surtees' Society. He married Alice daughter of Sir James Metcalfe of Nappa, and had by her four sons, who all died young. In his private life he appears to have been dissolute and profuse, as he died deeply in debt.

† Afterwards Sir George Bowes, knight and marshal, who distinguished himself so much in suppressing the rebellion in 1569. For more particulars about him, see History of Durham, vol. iv., and Sir Cuthbert Sharp's valuable History of the Rebellion, *passim*.

burden in that behalf he wold se the same paid according unto this my last will and request, wherto he haith aggreed and fermelie on his behalf promised unto me to se the same performyd according hereto. Item I will for that I have receyved certeyne somes of money of my tennants of Aske, Cowlton, and of Robert Hungiswell, and have therfor maid unto them no sure estate of ther fermholds according unto my promysse maid unto them, that they and eche of them that thus haith given unto me money upon the consideracon afforesaid have, holde, occupie, and enyoie their fermolds for the space and terme promised and limited unto them according unto my said promise, whiche terme and space I have declared unto my son George, and taken his faithfull promis to give and grannte to my said tennants the hole terme as was agreed betwixt them and me according to my graunte and promice. Item I will and bequest that the expensis of funeralls by my executors diffraied, my forsaid bequests to the churche and curate performyd, the detts due unto the king and quene, and all other my detts with the detts of my brother Sir Robert paid, my four doughters, Meriall, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Jane,* have of my said goods, cattells, and moveables given to eche of them towards ther mariedges one hundreth marks a pece, so that they marie according to the advice, mynds, and counsaill of my two sones George and Robert, and if any of them do refuse so to do and marie contrarie to ther assent and mynds, then I will that her porcion thus bequested to her to be taken frome her and distributed among th'others doughters whiche at that present tyme shall happen to be sole and unmaried. And further yf my goods shall not sterche and extend hereto, then I require my said son George of his goodnes towards his susters and fatherlie love y^t^ he oweth towards me, to performe and fulfill my request and will in this behalf, wiche he haith lyke wise promised me to do. Item I give to my doughter Briget Housley half a dosyn of silver spones. Item I give to my doughter Anne Vincent half a dosyn of silver spones. Item I give to my doughter Dorothey Bowes one ring of gold with a turkes. Item I give to my doughter Anne Bowes one portingell of gold. Item I give to my son George Bowes one gilt bowle with a cover, the best salt with a

* The testator had as many as ten daughters, of whom Bridget married Thomas Hussey of Lincolnshire; Elizabeth married George Bainbrigge of Snotterton, County palatine; Anne married Marmaduke Vincent of Great Smeaton; Muriel married John Jackson of Bedale; Margery married the celebrated *John Knox;* and Margaret who married, first, Thomas Middleton of Barnardcastle, and second, Ambrose Birkbeck of Great Chilton. It is curious to observe that the father makes no allusion to his daughter Margery; the offence which she had given him by her marriage with the Scotch reformer was, no doubt, still rankling in his mind. For a further account of the match, see Sharp's History of the Rebellion, p. 372.

cover, one dosyn sylver spones, and the best gilt ale pott. Item I give to my sone Robert Bowes,* the best white bowle with a cover, the secunde salt and the secunde pott. Item I give to Percivell Bowes, base son of my said brother Sir Robert Bowes, knight, one gray gelding worth twentie nobles. And further if my said cosyn wilbe ordred and folow the advice, mynde, and counsaill of my said son George in his livinge and demeanoure, then I will and require my said son to maike hym sure for term of his lyff naturall of twentie nobles by yere in suche place as my said son shall thinke most mete, wherto my said sone haith assented and promised me so to doo. And I give to Christofer Sigiswicke my servante a yong gray gelding. Item I give to William Baynbrigg a young gray gelding. Item I give to my cousing Robert Bowes, base sone of Sir George Bowes knight, deceased, a stagg of the price of xl s. Item I ordeyne, constitute, and maike my two sonnes George and Robert my joincte executors of this my last will and testament, and to them committith the disposicon and administracon of all my goods, cattells, and moveables, willing and in God's name requiring them for the fatherlie love and zele thei owe unto me to se payd unto everye one of my servants all such sommes of money as I am owing, praying them to dispose my goods and cattells and to pay unto everye one of my servants all such somes of money as I am owing to them or any of theyme for their wages behinde. And to everye one of my servants I give xx s. over and above the wages which I owe to them; and whereas I am nowe at this present unable (according to my harts desyer) to recompence them for ther service doone bothe to my said brother Sir Robert and to myself, I do therfor require bothe my said sonnes to be goode unto all my said servants, to helpe and releif them so farre as they can to the uttermost of ther power, and as I have receyved bothe ther promisses according to ther full powers to fulfill, do, and performe this my last will and testa-

* Robert Bowes, the testator's younger son, was treasurer of Berwick and ambassador to Scotland for nearly twenty-one years: a portion of his official correspondence as ambassador there has been published by the Surtees' Society. He appears to have been quite worn out by his duties, and to have fallen deeply into debt; and, indeed, we cannot be surprised at his longing to return to the green pastures and quiet woods of Aske. "I shall ether purchase my libertye (he writes in 1596 to his nephew Sir William Bowes), or else at least lycence to come into and remayne at my house for a . . . . tyme, to dispose of and put in order my broken estate and causes before the end of my dayes, which in the present infirmetyes and weakness, oppressing me and my worne body, cannot long be deferred." But, like many other statesmen of Elizabeth who had grown gray in the service of their mistress, he was entirely neglected, and he died at Berwick on the 16th November, 1597, and was buried there. He was twice married: first to his cousin Anne daughter and co-heir of Sir George Bowes of Dalden, by whom he left a son Ralph, the founder of the branch at Barnes; and, secondly, to Eleanor daughter of Sir Richard Musgrave of Eden Hall, who died s. p. in 1623, and was buried in Easby Church.

ment bothe in this last request, bequest, and will, and in everye other clause and article of the same. So here I commyt my servants unto their goodnes, and further committing to my son George and to his goodnes all my said foure doughters with ther porcions, to be disposed as is afforesaid. Supervisors, Thomas Rokebie of Mortham esquier, Frances Wandsworth of Hipswell, John Saer of Worssell, esquiers, Richard Vincent of Smeton esq^{r}, and my two sons in lawe Thomas Housley* and Marmaduke Vincent. And I give unto eche of them one stagge worth xl s. or els fourtie shillings in moneye. In witnesse whearof heare I have subscribed my name and set my seale the day and yeare above said. Richard Bowes. [Prob. 13 October, 1558. Commission to Sir Robert Selby, vicar of Norham, to receive the oath of Mr. George Bowes one of the executors.]

CI. JENET BAYNE OF STAVELAY.

August 31, 1558. Jenet Bayne wife of Rychard Baynes of the parish of Allhallowes of Stavelay. — To the blessyd sacrament of the alter xij d. Item I bequest to the churche of Stavelay a westyment an a nawbe and a hole halter cloythe to be worne upon the syde halter. Item I gyff to the mendyng of the way in y^{e} sayd towne xij d. — and wher' I gave to Dorowthe Conẽsys wyffe one payre of beyds of currall with sylver gawgeye and a hole angell of gold, of ye condycion y^{t} yff sche over lyvyd me then sche to have the beyds and golde or eles to retorne againe to me aftar her dethe, therfore I wyll and gyff the sayd beyds and gold to Mergret Persyne dowghter to Robart. Item I gyff to Is. Symson a petecoyt — to Dorowthe Bynes my weddyng ryng and my cofer, and to Grace Persyng my vyolett kyrtyll. —

CII. TESTAMENTUM CUTHBERT SAYER.

Jesus. In the name of God Amen. The xth daye of September in the yeare of our Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth fyftye and eyght, I Cuthbart Sayre of Crofte prest,† holle of mynde and perfyet of remembrance; maketh this my last will and testamant

* Thomas Hussey was a member of a respectable Lincolnshire family, and was induced to take a part in the rebellion of 1569. He was saved from the consequences of his treason through the influence of his brother-in-law Sir George Bowes.

† A member, no doubt, of the family of Sayer of Jolby. His will was made at the close of the reign of Queen Mary, and it is curious to mark the alteration which has been made in the final bequest, as it shows that a new state of things had sprung up before the death of the testator.

in maner and forme foloynge. Fyrst and abowe all thengs I bequith my solle unto Allmyghtie God, owre blessed Ladye Sant Marie, and all the hollye and salestieall companye of heaven, and my bodye to be buried within the church of Sanct Peter in Crofte, yf yt pleasse God so to provide. Also I bequith to the church for my buriall iij s. iiij d. Also I bequith to the heght alter iij s. iiij d. Item I gyve to Sir William Stevenson xij d. Item I gyve to Annes Sayre my cosynge iij s. iiij d. Item I gyve to Thomas Sayre my brother and his towe chelder xl s. the which he hath in his houne hands. Also I gyve to my brother Gorges chelder everie of them xx d. Item I gyve unto Elezbeth Slater iij s. iiij d. Item I gyve unto Isabell Smeton my sester doughter xx d. Item I will that Elezbeth Patinson my syster doughter have towe brasse potts and a gret bould panne. Also I gyve to Peter Patinson my sester sone the occupacion of my farmold durynge my yeares and forther at the lord's pleasor. Also I gyve unto Dorathe Sayre my cossynge xij d. Also I gyve to Richard Sayre ij s. and to William Sayre xvj d. and to Allyson Sayre vj d. Also I gyve to everie poure wedoue of this parreshen iiij d. Item I will leve in the hands of my executors seven nobles to gyve everi yeere a noble unto five poure men or whomen in the pariche, the which I will shall com to the chourche to pray for me and my good frends and to be paied to eather of them at Ester xx d. and at Christemasse xx d. duringe the space of sevin yers.* Item I will at the day of my buriall at prestes have vj d. and the poure pepell have 1 ob. loves. The rasydoue of all my goods, my funerall expencis, legacis, deduct and my detts paied, I gyve unto Elezabeth Patinson my sester, John Patinson, and Peter Patinson, whome I make my executors of this my laste will and testment. Witness thys my own hande writyn Cubbart Sare prest. Sir Welliam Stevenson, Brian Startfurthe.

CIII. MABELL ARCHER WYDOW.

Sept. 20, 1558. I Mabell Archer wydow — to be buryed in the paryshe churche yard of Sanct Andrew the apostle in Sedber besydes my husband. Also I wyll have messe and *Deryge* songe for my soule the day of my buryalle. And I geve and bequethe to the hyghe alter v s. and ij. kyrchefes. Also I bequethe to iij. prests Sir Leonard Fawcet, Sir Rychard Fawcet, and Sir Rychard Bland x s. Also I wyll y^{t} Jhames Otwaye have fyve

* This last bequest is erased and the following words supplied: "That my executors shall, at their discretion, distribute for me seven nobles as they shall thinke good for the helth of my soull."

marks. Also I bequethe to every householder from my owne to Rowland Archers a pecke of bygge. Also I wyll y^{t} the pore folkes of the churche rawe be mended with bygge at the dyscretyon of Sir Leonard Fawcet, Robert Fawcet, and my mother. And the resydewe of my bygge I wyll y^{t} my mother and my servant George have yt. Also I wyll y^{t} my uncle Robert wyfe have my best hate and cappe, and I wyll y^{t} my aunt Roland Archers wyfe have my damaske sleves. Also I wyll y^{t} Rychard Atkynsons wife have a rayment of my symple rayment. And I wyll y^{t} Jenet Atkynson be mendyd with some of my clothes. —

CIV. Mrs AN DUCKETT,* PARISH OF KENDALL.

INVENTORY. October 18, 1558 (*inter alia*). A clothe of carpyn vj s. viij d. A clothe of arros vj d. A coveryng of a bed of crulls ij s. Of a bed drawings vj s. A messell and vestements with aulter stoyne vj s. A black chamlet gown, a pare of blacke velvat sleves xxvj s. viij d. A tawnay chamlat gown, a black chamlet kyrktle xxv s. A damask kyrtle ix s. A clothe gown xiij s. iiij d. An old gown vj s. A brown kyrtle, a reade petycott, and a quyte vij s. A cloike iij s. A blacke kyrtle ij s. viij d. A paire of damaske velvat sleves ij s. viij d., ij. silk hatts ij., white capps xij s., ij. hony potts ij s. A paire of studles and a ravinfitt xij d. iiij^{or} sylver spoynes and a sylver pott xxxix s. iiij d.

CV. RICARDI VINCENT TESTAMENTUM.

October 19, 1558. I Richard Vincent of Great Smeton esquyer† — to be buried within my parishe churche of Smeton on the northe syde of my laite wiffe. Item I bequethe and give unto the parishe churche afforesaid for the mayntenaunce of God's service one cope of blewe velvet. — To my sone John Vyncent‡ my fermehold at Brunton whiche my sone Marmaduke nowe dothe occupie and so much of the fermehold which Cecilie Paynter otherwise callyed Cecilie Tewert nowe dwellith on in Smeton. —

* Widow of Richard Duckett of Grayrigg, in the parish of Kendall, esq. In her will, which is dated on the 5th of October, 1588, she mentions James and Anne Duckett, Walter Duckett and Dorothy his daughter, James Duckett and his sons, Dorothy her sister, and her three sons, Randall, James, and Walter Duckett.

† The testator was the head of a considerable family of gentry that had been seated at Great Smeaton for many generations. He married a Conyers of Hutton Wiske, and left by her two sons, John and Marmaduke.

‡ John Vincent, who was apparently the eldest son, married Eleanor Crathorne of Crathorne, and died without issue.

To Rauphe Vincent my baise begotten son* the some of iij. li. vj s. viij. d. yerelie out of my manor of Smeton for his naturall lyff, provided allways that if the said Raufe be promoted by mariege or otherwyse unto the yerelie value of ten pounds for terme of his lyff that then the said annuitie of five merks to sease. — I will that five marks yerely shall be taken oute of all my lands in Smeton till the some of fortie pounds be fullie content and rune towards the payments of my detts if my goods will not extend thereto; my detts paid, I bequethe the rest that remaynith of the saide fortie pounds to Jane Vincent towards her mariage, or in defaulte of her to Ellen her syster; thes be the doughters of my son Marmaduke Vincent.† — The residue to my sons Marmaduke and John Vincent, whom I make my executors. Moreover I gyve by legacie to the said John one standing bed stede being in the grecehed chamer next the greate chamer — my best new coverings whiche were bought of William Brokden of Yorke, also iiij. London porringers, iiij. plates, ij. dublers, a brasse pott, a basing and ewer, and a chist covert with grene and barred with plate, a turned chare, ij. candlestikks, ij. sylver spones and a mattresse. Witnesses, Robert Conyers esquyer, William Cuthbert prest, Richard Bolland. [Prob. 11 April 1559.] (*)

CVI. MR. LANCELETTE ESHE ALIAS ASHE TESTAMENT.

In the name of God, Amen. The xxiiij. day of October, yere of our Lord God a thowsand fyfe howndreth lviij., I Lanslot Essche, of Howntton‡ paryssyn, of the parychyng of Patryk Brompton, hole of myend and memory, but seke in body, doyth constytute and make thys my laste wyll in forme foloyng. Fyrste I gyff and beqwyethe my sowll to the hands off Almyghtty God, our Lady Seyntt Mary, and to al the blyssyd company of hevyn, and my body to be buryed withyn my porche in the parysse churce of Patryk Brompton beforsayd, and for a rememmerans

* Occurs as rector of Great Smeaton in 1575. On the 5th of November, 1622, Jane, his widow, administers to his goods, which are valued at the small sum of 27*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* He left two sons, Ralph, rector of Allhallows, York, and Marmaduke.

† Marmaduke Vincent married Anne, daughter of Richard Bowes of Aske and South Cowton, esq., and left by her two daughters and co-heirs: Jane, who married William Vincent of Pickleton, in Leicestershire, and Ellen, who married Thomas Beverley of Selby, and died in 1636. The family of Beverley occupied the lands of the Vincents in Smeaton during the greater part of the seventeenth century.

‡ Lancelot Eshe was probably connected with the family of Eshe of Skerningham, in the county of Durham. He appears to have been the owner of considerable landed property, and was the lessee of all the chantry lands within the parish of Patrick Brompton. This will, which is curiously written, and still more curiously expressed, is probably the testator's own composition.

therof I doy gyfe unto the holy church ther xx s., trustyng to resayffe at the mercyful hands of Almyghtty God fre remyssyon of al my synnys. Item doye gyfe by this my w . . . and last testament unto my natural and luffyng wyf Dorethe Essche al my lands and tenements whyc awghtt of ryghtt to dyssend unto hyr, as wel frome the partt of hyr father syde as the part of the mother syde. Item doy gyf and beqwyeth to my sone Robertt Essch al my lands and tenements whyc awghtt of ryghtt to dyssend unto me from my father, the thyrds exceptyd of the whyc my sayd wyffe schal be endewebl accordyng to comone lawys of this reame, and them two, y^{t} ys to wyt Dorethe and Robertt, I instytute and make myne executtors, who schal dyscharge my detts and funerall expenses onely of my lands and tenements and se me browghtt furth accordyng to my degre. Item I beqwyeth unto my fowr sonnys Francis Essche, Thomas Essche, John Essch, and Christofer Essch, and to every one of them v li. vj s. viij d. duryng ther natural lyffs, accordyng to ther annuytties herto befor by me grantyd for dom'. I doy gyf unto my sayd sonnys, y^{t} ys to wytt, Francis, Thomas, John, and Christofer, al my gudds mowfabyl and unmowfabyll by legasy. Item I doy gyff and beqwyeth unto my two dowghtters Elezabeth Rowlston and An Gren, eyther of them xx s. Item I doy gyf and beqwyeth unto Lanslote Essche the yonger, William Essch, and Elzabeth Rowlstone, and to every one of them xx s. by yeare duryng ther natural lyffes, owtt off my wyfes lands wher so ever y^{t} sche schal thyng moste meytt. Item I doy gyf to my serwant Phylop Addyson x s. Item I do gyffe to Thomas Smyth x s. Item I do gyf to Ryccherd Wyn x s. Item I doy gyf to Sir George Askwith x s. Item I gyf to John Raw ij s. Item I gyf Elzabeth Raw iij s. iiij d. Item I gyf to Elzabeth Rydlay iij s. iiij d. Item I doy gyf to every poore man and woman withyn this paryssen ij d. to pray for my sowll. Item I gyf unto James Conȝers, John Schaw, Wyliam Gyffreson, and Mathew Brawll, to every one of them xx s. Item I gyf to Sandbeke bryge iij s. iiij d. and one tre. Item I doy desyre every man and woman to forgyf me, and wher any hayth fawtyd unto me I doy forgyf them. Wyttnesses of this my last wyll, (*blank*)

CVII. MRS. MARJORYE LATON TESTAMENT, PARISH OF KYRTLINGTON.

In the name of God, Amen. 9 Dec., 1558. I Mariory Laton, of Snape law parke within the parishynge of Well, wedowe* —

* Daughter of . . . . Dodsworth of Thornton Watlass, and widow of John Laton of Snape Low Park, whose will has already occurred.

to be buryed within Well churche nye unto my mother — To George Laton and Henry Laton my sons the half of all my goods — To Agnes Laton my doughter my coffer with all that is within it except certen ryngs whiche I shall hereafter dispose — and I give her iij. silver spones, a pair of my fynest shetes, ij. pillyvers, a lyn borde clothe fyve quarters brode, a lyn towill and vj. napkyns, vj. of my greatest whishyngs, and a litill carpet — To Cristofer Laton my son vj li. xiij s. iiij d. and a gold ryng with a stone in it. — To George Laton and Henry Laton my sons ij. litill gold ryngs, ather of them one. To John Laton my son my silver salt parcell gilt and my lesse pease of silver, and my flower of gold. — To every one of my men servants and woman servants ij s. — my sons George and Henry Laton to be at the order and governannce of John Laton my eldest son.—[Prob. 18 June, 1560.]

CVIII. DOMINI ROBERTI AIRTON TESTAMENTUM.

In the name of God, Amen. 2 January, 1558. I Robert Airton, parson of Goldisburghe, seike in body — to be buried within the chauntery at Goldisburgh. First I bequeth to the churche of Goldisburghe x s. to be praid for. Also I bequethe to everye house in the parishe iiij d. except pore folks whiche shall have everye one half a bushell of corne — To my Maister Thomas Goldisburghe* a yocke of oxen, and to Mr. William Goldisburgh a stonde horse. — And to Richard Goldisburghe a leade, two long bords in the hall, a mare and a fole. — To Cycell Goldisbrugh iiij. marks. To Anne Goldisbrugh a yowe with lame. And to John Goldisburghe a yowe with lame. Also I bequeth to Elenor Goldisburghe, Mr. George doughter, a yowe with lame. To Jenet Bell all my houshold goods, my sheep, kye. — To John and Anne my servants, either of them iij s. iiij d. To Lyen Snawdon a blacke white-headed whye — To Sir Peter Hartfurth my best gowne. To Sir John Ferro a newe fresed gowne. To every godchilde that I have xij d.—Supervisor Mayster William Goldisburgh, to him for his paynes xx s. Witnesses, Sir John Ferro, Gabriell Chalymer.—[Prob. 14 March, 1558.]

CIX. JAMES WILLINSON OF KNARESBROUGH.†

January 19, 1558. James Willinson of Knarisburgh, merchante — to be buried in the church of Knarisburgh — to be

* See his will hereafter.

† The testator seems to have been a petty hosier in the small town of Knaresbrough, and hats appear to have formed a considerable portion of his trade. His

honestlie brought furthe to the grounde with messe and *Derigie*. Also I will that ther shall be ten shillings in breade to the pore folkes at the day of my buriall. Also I do give to Saynt John's alter one vestment of brooune damaske. To Syr Robert my sonne ten shillings to pray for my soull. [Prob. 14 March 1558.]

INVENTORY. 21 January, 1 Mary. *In ye Shoppe.* Inprimis, xxxj. feltts, ij. turfill hatts, ij. ruggid hatts, xxxv s. – iij. button cappes, ij. fynne red cappes, vj. round cappes, j. doble rust cappe, xiij s. iiij d. – vij. whitt cappes, one preste cappe, one womens cappe, price viij s. – xiij. childreyn cappes, vj s. viij d. – vj. silk hatts xx s. – seven worsett hatts iiij s. – xxxix. yeards of russhells x li. vj s. viij d. – fower hole peaces of russhells iij li. xiij s. – xv. elnes of doble worsette iiij li. x s. – xvj. elnes of lynninge clothe x s. viij d. – xvij. elnes of linning clothe ix d. ye elne, xij s. ix d. – one peice of linning clothe of xviij. elns xix s. – one piece of linning cloth of xvij. elnes xviij s. – one piece of linninge clothe of xvj. elnes xxj s. – one piece of xvj. elnes and iiij^{or} quarters xxj s. – one peice of linninge of xx. elnes xx s. – one peice of lynning of xv. elnes xxj s. – one peice of x. yeards and ij. quarters viij s. viij d. – one peice of xj. elnes xij s. x d. – one peice of vij. elnes iiij. quarters of fynne camericke price xxij s. – one peice of fyve yeards x s. – fower peices off mockadoe lvij s. – vij. sattan pursses iiij s. ix d. – fyve payre of hosse v s. – iij. payre of hosse ij s. – vj. yeards of fuschone ix s. – ij. yeards and a half of buckram xx d. – v. yeards and one halfe of mockeadoo iiij s. – one dussand of gloves iiij s. – iiij. paire of gloves ij s. – iij. punde of whytt threde v s. – colored thred xiiij d. – blake thred xiiij s. – in Venis golde iiij s. – in silke parchennett laice ij s. – in cremesing silke ij s. viij d. – iij. ounce of lasing silke iij s. – one ounce of blake silke viij d. – iij. necklaces and ij. paire of gloves xij d. – a dussand of parchment crulis v d. – fower crepings vj s. – iiij. railbanndes iij s. – vij. laices vij s. – vj. yeards of edgine xx d. – one welvet capp, one sattan cappe and thre worsett cappes v s. – iij. ounce of lasing silke iij s. – iiij^{or} nechurchives and ij. napkynes iij s. iiij d. – a dussand of knafyes vij s. – a dussand trenchers iiij d. – x. pixes of golde vj d. – a pounde of peper ij s. viiij d. – fyve comes iij d. ob. – one tunycle v s. – ij. pound of suger, in chists, ij. paire of hampers, with certeyne weights and ballance, xx s. – a nage, a sadle, a bridill, one sword, a purce, x s. in mony, and one crowne of golde, xxx s. – one ounce and a half of Venysse

wares, which were brought from London, seem to have been largely patronized by the neighbouring gentry, as his schedule of debts, from which extracts are subjoined, is considerable. He has a son in orders, and leaves to his parish church a vestment out of his shop.

silke ij s. – a pounde of copernailles xij d. in other hustillment of household stuffe iij d. Summa omnium bonorum xliiij li. vij s. v d. *Debita debentia per testatorem tempore mortis suæ.* Inprimis, to Mr. Herringson vj li. – to a merchant man of London, v li. x s. Summa debitorum debentium xj li. x s. *Debita debentia testatori tempore mortis suæ.* Inprimis, Mastres Goure iiij li. x s. vj d. Antony Askance xxx s. ix d. Mr. Gye Fayrfax xxviij s. – Lady Goure xxv s. viij d. – Mastres Gaisqweyn xx s. – my Lady Chomley iij li. iiij s. iij d. – Mastres Goure lvij s. vj d. – Lady Fayrefax v s. – y^e^ buttler of Gillayn, for a hatte, viij d. – Mastres Dorethe Ultred xxxiiij s. Summa totalis xvij li. xvj. s. iiij d. *Funeralls and ordinarye expenses.* – in funeralls and ordinarye expenses l s. Summa totalis bonorum et debitorum iij^xx^ xiiij li. xlvj s. ob. Deduct xiij li. x s.

CX. CONYERS ALICIÆ TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xvj. day of Februarie anno Domini 1558, I Alice Conyers of Richmond wedow,* hole of mynde and good rememberance, dothe maike this my last will and testament in maner and forme following. First I bequicthe my soule unto Almightie God, our Lady Saynt Marie, and to all the holie companye of heven, and my bodye to be buried in the parishe churche under the blewe stone nexte before the founte. Also I will that masse and *Dirigie* be song for my soule the day of my buriall, the parson to have viij d. and everye priest of the towne sex pence and the parishe clerke iiij d. besydes the bells, and every prest without the towne foure pence and Christofer Yates ij d. Also I bequythe to Luce Conyers my doughter the best brasse pott, the best panne, and ij. pece of pewther of the beste and my best gowne. Also I will that iij s. iiij d. be distributed emongs the pore folkes of this gate ende at the daye of my buriall. Also I will that ther shall be no yong folkes at my lyke waike but onlie xiij. wydowes to have the rest of the nombre of the pore mens wyves of this gate ende at the discrecion of the supervisors here after namyd. — The rest of my goodes unto my children George Conyers, Margaret Conyers, Anne Conyers, and Luce Conyers. Witnesses, Geo. Greathede clerke, Leonard Robynson, &c. (*)

* This lady may, perhaps, have been connected with the family of Conyers of Marske, near Richmond; but the star of the great house of Conyers was at this time in the ascendant, and so numerous were the branches which shot out from the parent houses of Sockburn and Hornby, that it would be a matter of no small difficulty to ascertain her genealogy. At all events her will and inventory prove her to have been of gentle blood, and to have been the possessor of more than ordinary wealth.

INVENTORY. 25 February, 1558. Item the best gowne xiij s. iiij d. – a gold ringe xiij s. iiij d. – two little gold rings x s. – a little ringe of bace golde xvj d. – a sillver tache that is at a gowne xx d. – one paire of sylver beyds, with sex great gawdes of sylver and gylt, a tablit of sylver and gylt, two crucifixes of silver and gilt, a silver whissell withe a toithe pike in it, thre sylver rings, wher of one of theym gylt with a stone therein, and a fashe of silke and sewed withe gold. All the said beids ar with rings and crosses conteynynge in weght all togyther fyve ownces and an half xx s. – foure sylver spoones with lyons off th'ends gilt, conteynyng in weght fyve ownce and an half and praysed to v s. the ounce xxvij s. vj d. – a silke hatt v s. – two capp cases and a little caskett iij s. iiij d. – three old ryalls xlv s. – a paire of sylver crooks and a tache boythe gylt, conteynyge in weght an ownce and thre quartrous praysed to v s. the ownce viij s. ix d. Summa xv li. ix s. vij d. — For hir bringing forthe and funerall expenses xxvij s. iiij d.

CXI. WILLIAM WYLLYE TESTAMENT LATE DEAN OF MYDELHAM.

In nomine Dei, Amen. The fourte day of April in the yere of our Lorde a thowsand five hundrethe fyvtty and nene, I Willyam Wylle clarke,* dean and parson of Mydeleham in the countie of Yorke, makyeth thys my laste wyll and testament in forme and maner folowynge. Fyrst I bequeithe my soule to Almighte God, and my bodye to be buryed in the qweare at Mydelham under one blew marble stone of eest hand nere the altar in the qwere at Mydelham. I wyll that every one in Mydlam dwellyng schall have at my buryal j d. at the poll. Item I wyll that ther be at my buryal *Derge* and messe songe by note. Item I gyffe to George Snawdon and Allis hys wyffe one federbed fully furnyshed, that ys to say, a bed, bolwster, blankests, and coverynge for one bed. Item I wyll that Thomas Snawdon have xl s. of my goods. Item I gyffe to Peter Snawdon xl s. of my goods. Item I gyffe to Christofer Snawdon xl s. of my guds. Item I gyffe to Sicille Metcalfe my syster doughter xx s. Item I gyffe to John Royston clarke a gawne furryd with otter. Item I bequiethe and gyve to my paryche churche of Mydellham to weare-

* William Willy, who was in all probability connected with the Durham family of that name, had been dean of Middleham for more than twenty years. He appears to have been a successful temporizer, and to have weathered all the storms of that eventful period. In the first of Edward VI. he had a pardon granted to him for heresies, &c., and on the 18th of January, 1552, he leases his rectory of Middleham to Thomas Clapham for six years After the accession of Elizabeth, when he saw no probability of any return to the old religion, he prudently directs the relics of St. Akylda, which he had in his possession, to be sold and applied to the purposes of his church.

kyng of a bell, the thyrde bell and smaillyste, a boylle of sylver, the greateste, and all the sylver in the . . . in the churche of Mydlam that was of Saynte Alkyld heyd*, and a peice of Saynte Alkyld head that is in my chyst in y . . . yf that they wyll by a bell or els not. Item I gyve to Sir Wylhiam Dent my best bonet and a typpett fur . . . hotter and a new paire of hossen. Item I gyve a velvytt hoide to maike a canabey withall for the sacrament at . . . dyscrecyon of Sr John Wytton and Sr Wilhiam Dent. Item I gyve to by a chrysmatorye withall iij s. Item I gyve to all . . . foure women servands to every one of them iiij d. Item to every man servaunt iiij d. a piece within the house. Item I gyve unto every Elizabethe Atkynson my syster doughter, and to hyr chyldryn xl s. to be taken owt of other legaces. And all the resydew of my guds moveable and unmoveable, my legaces and bequests, and my funeral expenses with detts deducte and paid, I gyve unto Chrystofer Wyllei my brother sone, whome I make my full and hole executor of thys my leste wyll and testament, and to distribyte it for my saule accordynge as he wyll, and I order and make Sr John Wytten and Sr William Dent clarks the supervisors of my wyll. Wyttnenesses of thys my last wyll and testament, George Arresmythe, Thomas Mydleton, Wylhiam Dent clark, and John Wytton curat. [Non probat. but administracione commytted unto Christofer Willy his coysing.]

Inventarium bonorum quæ fuerunt magistri Wilh'mi Wylles nuper defuncti prased by thes foure honeste men, Wylh'm Forrest, Rauffe Bruster, Thomas Ryder, George Arrysmythe.

Item in primis two fether bedds, iij. matteresses, ij. paire of shets and a j. shett, iij. bolsters, ij. pyllobers, one pylloe, one twylte, and ij. bed coveryngs, ij. paire of bedstoks, xl s. – ij. jaks, a stele cape, a bazeler vij s. – saddylls xvj d. – a counter, iij. chaires, fyve qwyssyngs, a counter clothe viij s. – iij. gowns, a cloke, a hoode, a jackett, ij. paire of hoes, a dublet, a waistecotte, ij. typpytts, a cape and under cape, iij li. . . ij. chests . . . Summa vl. xixs. iiij d.

CXII. ROBERT CARLELL TESTAMENT.

In the name off God, Amen. The seconde day off May, in the yere of our Lorde 1559, wytnessied that I Robart Carlell† off the

* St. Akylda was the patroness of the church of Middleham. Her shrine and tomb were in the nave of the church, and money payments were frequently made upon the latter. In the east window of the north aisle is the representation of her in the act of being strangled by two females.

† An interesting will of a servant in the house of Wycliffe. It is pleasing to observe the manner in which he speaks of his master, who was deservedly one of the most popular of the North Country gentlemen.

parishe of Wyclyf, and in the countie of York, servyng man to Mr. Wylliam Wyclyff off Wyclyf, esquyer,* hole off mynde and good memory and crasced in my bodye, I thanke my Lorde and God, dothe make this my last wyll and testament in maner here foloyng. That is to say, fyrst I beqweth my sowle to Almyghty God my creator and redemer, and to all the glorious company of hevyn, and my body to be buryed in the churche of Wyclyff yff that it shall pleace Almyghty God that I shall dye there. Item I gyve for my lare stede in the churche iij s. iiij d. Item I wyll that ther be gyvyn and bestoweyed in the day off my buryall xx s. Item I gyve to the hye alter in the worshipe off the holy sacrament iij s. iiij d. Item I wyll that ther be gyvyn emongs my howsholde felowes to pray for my sowle x s. Item I geve to my good Mr. Wylliam Wyclyff, in remembrans of his gudnesse yt he shewyed to me in my trubbyll of seknesse iiij. olde angyls and all suche thyngs as is betwyx hym and me to be clerly aqwyed for ever. Item I gyve to the parson of Wyclyff to pray for my sowle a olde ryall. Item I gyve to Wylliam Smythson and Thomas . . . a sharte, a pare off house, a doplet, a gyrkyn, and a cape. Item I gyve to olde wyffe and to the whenche that is with her for suche payns as they take with me in my sicknesse x s. and my leveray cott yt is unmaide. Item I gyve to Röly Pyper sonne my godsonn a jaket. The resedew off my guds yf any be left, I wyll that Sir Barthyllmew Carous, Wylliam Smythson, Thomas Brues se the bestowyng off it to Peter Bourns wyff, my cosyn, as ye shall se cause: yff she wyll bryg uppe my son yt she hath with her acordyng to her promysse for my sake, yt than I wyll that she have all that she and her husband, and my cosyn hade and delivered off me afore the person off Wyclyf, and also the ryst off my goods yf any leve I wyll that . . . Carus wyfe have the same: all thyngs put to the order of Sir Barthilmewe Carous, Wylliam Smythson, Thomas Brues, whome I make myne executors off this my last wyll and testament. In wytnesse hereoff be thes: olde Carus wyff, Wylliam Barker, Chrystofer Carus, Elezabethe Robynson, Thomas Byrckler, with other moo.

* The worthy representative of the illustrious house of Wycliffe, a house which was allied to some of the best blood in the North of England, and which derives an additional lustre from the fame of its noble scion the great reformer. William Wycliffe was married first to Dorothy daughter of John Place of Halnaby, esq., and secondly to Muriel daughter of William Lord Eure, and relict of Sir George Bowes of Streatlam, by both of whom he left issue. He died on the 5th of August, 1584, and was buried at Wycliffe, where his monument, in no mean Latinity, justly represents him to have been "pauperum munificentissimus alumnus, qui licet in prioribus annis multis adversæ fortunæ fluctibus fuerit jactatus, familiæ tamen suæ memoriam, et antiquitatis splendorem propagare, summam curam adhibuit."

CXIII. FRANCYS WANDYSFORDE OF YPSEWELL ESQUYRE.

In the nayme of Gode, Amen. I Francys Wandysforde of Ypsewell esquyre,* the 3 day of June, in the yeare of Lorde God 1559, hoile of mynd, but seike in bodye, ordaynes and maikes thys my last wyll and testament in maner and forme as folowyght. Fyrst I gyve my sowle to God Almyghty, and our blessyd Layde the mother of our sayver Jesu Crist, and to all the cælestiall compānei of heyven, my body to be buried within the churche of Sanct Mychaell th'erchangell att Kyrtlyngton. Item I gyve for forgotten tyghes to the hye aulter at Kyrtlyngton iij s. iiij d. and to the churche of Kyrtlyngton iij li. vj s. viij d. Item I geve to Cristofer Wandysforde my eldest sone† xxiiij. oxen and ij. yron bounde waynes with yokkes and temes belong thereto, and xxiiij. kye and j. bull and iij^{xx} yowes and all my playte and harnes boitht att Kyrtlyngton and att Ypsewell with all the utensyles of my brewynge howsse and kytchynk, boith at Ipsewell and Kyrtlyngton, and my sygnet of armes, and my blake velvet gowne. I gyve also to my younger sone Jhone Wandisford, all my landes in Thymylbye for the terme of hys natural lyfe, and after hys deitht to returne to my son Christopher Wandisford and hys hayers without any pichement of wayst. Item I wyll that my wyffe hayve the costodye and bryng up of my sayd yownger son Jhone Wandisforde, duryng hyr wedowehede, and if she fortune to mayrye, then I wyll that my uncle Mychaell Wandysford shall hayve hym, boitht with hys newytie and his chylds portion. Item I wyll that my brother Cristofer‡ hayve on fermolde in How-

* Francis Wandisford of Hipswell, esq., was the eldest son and heir of Christopher Wandisford of Kirklington, esq., by Anne daughter of Sir John Norton of Norton. He married Anne, the eldest of the two daughters and co-heirs of John Fulthorpe of Hipswell, esq., and in right of his wife became owner of the estate of Hipswell, near Richmond, which is still in the possession of his descendants. His inventory, which is given entire, contains a full enumeration of all his great wealth, yet he appears to have been considerably in debt. He had been a large purchaser of church lands, and like many other possessors of ecclesiastical property his ill-gotten wealth had done him no good. At his death his estate was much involved; and his wife, by a marriage with Christopher Neville, who was attainted for treason in 1569, entailed great distress and misery on herself and her family, and it was with great difficulty that the family property was saved from confiscation. The whole of the will is in the writing of the testator, in a fine bold manly hand.

† Christopher, afterwards Sir Christopher Wandisford, married Elizabeth daughter of Sir George Bowes, to whose instrumentality he owed the recovery of the estates of his family, which had been endangered by the treason of his father-in-law Christopher Neville. He left a large family, and died in 1592. John, his younger brother, occurs at Lincoln's Inn, in 1557. He died childless.

‡ Christopher Wandisford, a younger brother of the testator, married Cecily, the younger of the two daughters and co-heirs of John Fulthorpe, esq., and secondly Anne daughter of . . . . Thwaites of Marston, esq., and widow of Francis Lascelles. He left issue by both wives.

grayve nowe in the occupation of Johne Lomley, and another fermold in the tenure and occupation of Wylliam Powers in same towne, and so myche of a tennament now in the occupation of Nycholas Hume as shall maik with the rents of the other ij. before specifyed vj li., in consyderation of hys newitie geyvyne to hym by my faither. Item I wyll that my brother Henry Wandysforde* duryng hys lyfe nayturall shall hayve my iij. mylles att Kyrtlyngeton with all that parcell of grownd that belongs y^r^to now in the occupation of Robert Tonson mylner of the same towne, for and consyderation of a newitie or a yearlye rent gevyn to hym by my mother. Also I desyer my cosyngs Mr. Rychard Norton and Mr. Francys Norton,† and my uncle parson,‡ and my uncle Mychaell Wandysforde, my brother Cristofer, and my brother Henry Wandysforde, and my uncle Gyles Fultrope§ to be my supervisors of y^s^ my last wyll and testament, and to se thys my last and trewe wyll performyd and dischargyd for the weltht of my sowle. The resydew of all my goodes, my detts payed, my funerall expenses maid, I geve to Anne my wyffe, and John Wandysforde my younger son, whome I maike juntly together executores and ministratores of y^is^ my last wyll and testament. In presence of thes persones: Francys Spense, Robert Conyers, Thomas Rawson, Robert Langestafe.

The Inventory of all the goods moveable and unmoveable of Francis Wandisfourd esqwyer deceased, being and remaining at Hipswell and at other his inheritanc and ..... the v^th^ daie of June in the firste yere of the reigne of our sovereign ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God quene of England, France, and Ireland, defendor of the faith, etc. anno Domini 1559, prased by Percyvall Philip, William Askewe, John Dodisworth gentilmen, and Thomas Medilton yeoman.

Hypswell. The apparell. Imprimis a blacke velvet gown with a lace of sylver and sylke, a pare of blacke velvet hose lade with blacke lace, a blacke satten dublet, a buf leder jerkyn gardyd with blacke velvet, a blacke clothe cloke with welts of velvet, an old damaske gown, a spanish leder jerkin, ij. pare of black hose,

* Of Henry Wandisford all we know is that he took a strong part in suppressing the insurrection of 1569.

† Richard and Francis Norton were sons of Richard Norton, the great leader in the rising of the North, and Susan, daughter of Richard Lord Latimer. Of Richard nothing is known, but Francis, "old Norton's" eldest son, took a vigorous part in the rebellion and finally escaped to Flanders, where, after making several vain attempts to secure a pardon, he pined away in exile, a humble pensioner on the bounty of the King of Spain.

‡ John Wandisford, Rector of Kirklington, a living in the gift of his family. His brother Michael married Isabel, daughter of Rowland Place of Halnaby, esq., and left issue by her.

§ Giles Fulthorpe was an uncle of the wife of the testator, Anne Fulthorpe.

one cloke and a jirkin of orysh colour cloth furred with fox, one canvax dublerd xiij li. vj s. viij d. – all the plait by estimacon xxvj li. xiij s. iiij d. *Cattall.* Inprimis, xxx^{tie} kie, one bull, the price xlj li. vj s. viij d. – xx^{ti} calves suckin, the price iiij li. xiij s. iiij d. – ij. quyes, the price xl s. – x. oxen, the price xxj li. vj s. viij d. – vij. stotts, the price ix li. vj s. viij d. – xx^{tie} styrks, the price vij li. *Shepe.* – lxxxvj. yowes, two wedders, ix li. vj s. viiij d. *Geldings.* – one grey gelding with Mris Wandisford cauled hir gelding vij li. – one baye maire which was bought at Darlington xxxiij s. iiij d. – one grey gelding called Wren xxx s. – one grey nagge with a wen in his side xxxiij s. iiij d. – one grey stagge called Thamer xx s. – one whiet mare with a broken backe xiij s. iiij d. *Swyne.* – ix. old swyne with fyve piggs xl s. *Corn in the feilde.* – xij. acres of wheit and rye, and xij. acres of barlye and ots ix li. xij s. – xj. acres of pese and beanes iij li. vj s. viij d. – all the haie, the price xxxiij s. iiij d. Summa C.iij^{xx} v li. ij s. *The great chamber.* – the chamber hanged with grene and rede saye, a table with a carpet, ij. trussels, two firmes, two stules, thre chares, one cupbourd with a carpet, a carpet for the wyndowe, a trussin bedde with a teaster and hangins of rede and yealowe saye, a feder bed, mattres, a bolster, one pare of blankets, two pillowes, a coverlet, a counterpoynt, a truckle bed, with a feder bed, a bolster, two coverlets, j. pare of blanketts, a pare of tongs, a long table lying by the waule, viij li. – xij. qwysshynnes xiij s. iiij d. *The utter chamber.* – a trussyn bed with a teaster and hangyns rede and yealowe buccram, ij. feder bedds, a mattres, ij. pare of blanketts, ij. bolsters, iiij. coverletts, a counterpoynt, one truckle bed with a mattris, a bolster, ij. coverletts, the chamber hanged about with old hangyns grene, a gret chist, a firme, a brokin chaire iiij li. *Paradice.* – a trussin bed, a feder bedd, a mattres, a pare of blanketts, a coverlet, a counterpoynt, a bolster, a pillowe, and a chare xxvj s. viij d. *The lowe chamber under Paradice.* – ij. bedstocks, ij. mattresses, a bolster, ij. pare of blanketts, ij. happyns, a cupboard, and a chiste xiij s. iiij d. *Madyn's chamber.* – ij. bedstocks, one mattres, ij. happings, a coverlet vj s. *The hawle.* – iij. tables, iij. firmes, trusles, a cupborde, ij. chares, a palles, a carpet for the table xiij s. iiij d. *The buttry.* – an almery, a cupbourd, a chist with bands of iron, ij. stules, viij. hoggeshedes, one pype, iiij. cannes, viij. stone potts, ij. doson of rounde trenshers, one doson of long trenshers, ij. salts of puder, one knyf, iiij. spungin tubbes, iiij. longe bords, one almens basket, one maunde xxvj s. viiij d. *Stable chamber.* – iiij. bedstocks, iiij. mattresses, v. happyns, one coverlett, v. blanketts, iiij. pyllowes, and one table xx s. *James Fulthroppe chamber.* – one bedstocke, one mattres, one blanket, one happing, one coverlet, and

one firme v s. *Wary chamber.* – one bedstocke, one mattres, one pare of blanketts, ij. happyns, ij. coverletts, and a counter v s. *The coke chamber.* – one bedstocke, one mattres, ij. blankets, and one happing v s. *The Porter's luge.* – one bedstocke, ij. happyns, a pillowe . . . . stocke, one mattres, one pare of blankets, ij. happyns, and one bolster. – *Mr. Lowson chamber* one bedstocke, iij. happyns, ij. blanketts, a bolster. – *In th'ox house* one bedstocke, ij. happings, and ij. blanketts xx s. *The kitchin.* – a rainge of iron, one rakin, iij. rings, v. croks, one pare of tongs, one pare of racks, vj. spets, ij. kenling irons, one standing one lying, iij. pothokes, one flesh hoke, iij. chopping knyfes, one dressin knyfe, one fryin panne, a cresset, one flesh axe, a brandreth, and one iron porre xxx s. – vij. brass potts, one brasin morter with a pestell of iron, one laddall, ij. chaffin dishes, ix. candlestickes, ij. kaldrons, ij. ketles, iiij. pannes, and a grater vj li. xiij s. iiij d. *Peuder.* – iij. basyns, ij. uers, one doson plait trenchers, one brode charger, iiij. potigers, xx^{tie} platters, x. dishes, and vj. sausers xlvj s. viij d. *The larther house.* – ij. leds for salting of beif, ij^{o} wodde trowes, vj. tubbes, v. louse burds, iij. vergres barrels, vij li. *Mylke house.* – a chese trowgh, ij^{o} stands, vj. skeles, viij. bowles, vij. chesfatts, a chirn with a staf, ij^{o} lowse bourds iiij s. *The barrns and brewhouse.* – one bruing lede, one mask fat, one gile fat, ij. keling tubbes, a wourt fat, ij. sayes, ij. skopes, a bowtin tonne, ij. troughes, iiij. tubbes . . . . . vij. secks, a stepe fat for malt, one old lede in the coubart vj li. x s. *The mylne.* – one iron gavelock, one hacke, a crawe, a chesill, x. pycks, a bedstocke, iij. happyns, a blanket, a chist, a bushall, a pecke, a spade with iron xs. *The stuf perteynyng to husbandry.* – one iron bound waine with all y^{r}to beloning, one cowpe with a par of wheles bounde with iron, ij^{o} ashe nales, vij. yokes with iron, vj. temes, one lowse croke, ij. wane shackles, ij^{o} pleughes, ij^{o} culters, one socke, iij. wombles, iij. axes, ij. lees, one muckhacke, ij^{o} shede forks, ij^{o} shed spaids, iij. iron wedgies, one buckshakle, and ij^{o} iron forks iiij li. *The napry.* – xj. pare of shetes of lyn, xiiij. pare of harding shetes, x. pillobes, iij. dioper burd clothes, vj. dioper napkyns, one towell dioper, vj. lyn bourd clothes, ij^{o} doson lyn napkyns, ij. lyn cupburd clothes, vij. lyn towelles, ij^{o} hardin burd clothes, vj li. Summa liiij li. viij s. iiij d.

Kyrtlingtonne. The goods there moveable and unmoveable beloning the said Francis Wandisford esquyer deceased.

Inprimis xviij. draught oxen and v. stotts xlvj li. – vij. hagge oxen xj li. xx d. – xiiij. hagge kye xiiij li. – xxix^{tie} mylke kye with ij^{o} bulles xlj li. vj s. viij d. – xxxiij^{tie} calves vij li. x s. – two twynter filles one colt stagge iij li. – one old bay nagge xlvj s. viij d. – one mare . . . with a fole xxvj s. viij d. – a bay nagge

xxvj s. viij d. – one bay mare xiij s. iiij d. – vij^{xx} and xvth yowes xvj li. – vij^{xx} and xviij. lambes vij li. x s. – xxij^{tie} tupes and rygetts xliiij s. – xvjth weders xxxij s. Summa clv li. xvij s. viij d. *The great chamber.* – v. pece of hangyns of arres, a carpet, a table cloth, a carpett cupburd cloth, two blacke velvet qwysshynnes embrodred, iij. carpet qwysshynnes and one qwyssin thrommed, one long table, iij. buffet stoles, ij° firmes, ij° chares, and a cupbord, xxiij li. vj s. viij d. *The grene chamber.* – viij. pece of hangyns of arris, a carpet table cloth, a trussin bed with a teaster and hangyns of blacke sarsenet, a bed of down, a mattres, a bolster, a pare of blanketts, a coverlet, a bed covering, iij. chares, ij° firmes, iiij. buffet stoles, a round table, xvj li. xiij s. iiij d. *The east innermer chamber.* – one trussin bed, ij° mattresses, one coverlet, one table, ij. trusles, one gret pressor, a great carved chist. *The aple chamber.* – a gret carved chist and ij° hampers, xiij s. iiij d. *The closet.* – one trussin bedde with a teaster of yealow and chamlet, one old arke, old hangyns of wull grene and rede, vj s. viij. d. *The beddyns.* – sex feder bedds, thre mattresses, iiij. bolsters, ij° pillows, vij. blanketts, x. coverletts, iiij. bed coverings, iiij. pare of lyn sheats, iij. hardyng shetes, iij. pillowes, iij. lyn bourd clothes, one pare of hangyns of rede, sam and grene, ix li. xiij s. iiij d. *Peuder vessell in ye storehouse.* – ij° gret chargers, xiij. dublers, xij. dishes and sausers, ij. puder basyns, v. dublers, ij° dishes y^{t} serveth the house, viijth candlestickes, ij° chafyn dyshes, xl s. *In the buttry.* – one table, one ambry, one arke for bread, ij° cannes, one buttry knyfe, iij. litle tyn potts, one firme, one stole, iij. frames y^{t} hoggeshedes did lye on, xiij s. iiij d. *The kitchin.* – one range of iron with a reckin, v. rings, iiij. croks, one chopping knyfe, ij° pare of iron tugs, vj. spets, one cobiron, one bruling iron, ij° pare of pot kilpes, one cresset, one flesh axe, one gret panne, ij° ketles, iiij. litle pannes, ij° stoles, one brasin morter, a pestell, one pott standing in a furnes, iij. gret bras potts, iij. litle potts, one swyne tubbe, iij. tables, one chopping bourd, vj li. *The mylke house.* – one chirn with a staf, one stand, iij. tables, viij. bowles, vij. dishes, v. trussels, vj. chessfatts, one litle band, a fleke, a stole, a chese troughe, ij° skeles, one swyne skele, one salt pyn, ij° reame kitts, vj s. viij d. *The bulting house.* – one mulding burd, one bowting tubbe, one kneding troughe, on chese presse, one synker, one saye, v s. *The brewhouse.* – a brewing lede, one maskfat, ij° gyle fatts, one tannyng fatt, ij° ketles, ij° peces of square tymber, xl s. *The law parlour.* – a counter, iij. firmes, one trussin bedde bothomed with girth webbe, one cupburd, one staie for the counter, hangyns of rede and grene saye, xiij s. iiij d. *The inner*

parlour. – one trussin bed, a pare of bedstocks, ij° trusts, vj s. viij d. *The hawle.* – iij. tables, ij° firmes, ij° trists, one almery, one hirnes barrall, hangyns of rede with a border ponsed, xiij s. iiij d. *In the woule house.* – xxviijth stone of wulle and xxx^{tie} new burds of oke, iiij li. iiij s. *The west chamber and inner chamber.* – iij. trussin bedds, one truckle bed, one pare of bedstocks, one feild bed set together with wysshes, iij. Flanders chists, a gret arke, a carvet chist, iiij. cupbords, a long setle, one chare, ij. patted teasters, ij° racks of iron for a chimley, ij° short tables, ij° old carpetts, the chamber hangyns about with rede and yealow hangyns of wull, one pot of bel mettell, xl s. *The lytle house above ye haule.* – iij. hoggeshedes, a lytle barrell, a tunnell, a gret chist, and a long setle, x s. – old tymber lying in y^{e} new house, and tymber lying in the court, iij li. vj s. viij d. *Stuf beloning to husbandry.* – ij° iron bound waines withall y^{t} belongs them, xvth tonnes, xiij. yokes with iron, iij. socks, iij. cowters, iij. waine shackles, iij. bucke shackles, iij. pleughes, one pare of newe waine wheles, one pare of newe car wheles, both wane ashe tres, pleugh beames, heds, shethes, steretres, handles, wane felles, iij. harrows, one cowpe with one whele with iron, one wonne whele, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. – iij. bores, ij° sews, and fyve piggs, xxvj s. viij d.

Bellerby. Item xvjth twynter stotts, vj. qwyes, xvij li. xij s. – xj^{xx} and xijth weders, xxxviij li. – iij^{xx} weder hoggs and eight, vij li. xviij s. viij d. – ij. stacks of haye, xl s.

At Thymbleby. Item xj^{xx} sc. and v. weders, xlij li. – iij. stotts, iij li. – one stack of hay, xx s. — *Geldins in Horneby parke.* – bay Waryng, iiij li. x s. Summa, C.iiij^{xx}xviij li. xiij s. – blacke Conyers, v li. – bay Spence, v li. – grey Mason, vj li. *In Ripping parke.* – whiet Wandisford, liij s. iiij d. – grey Mylner, xl s. – one whiet nagge at Hipswell, xx s.

Kirtlington. Item xxij. acres of wheit and rye, and xxij. acres of barley and otes by estimacons, xxij li. – all the hay, xiij s. iiij d. – a pece of leid lying of the backe syde of the hawle, xiij s. iiij d. – the tythes of Helperby, C li. Summa, C.xlv li. Summa totalis, vij^{c}.xviij li. xij d.

Detts that m^{r} Frauncis Wandisford doth awe.* Inprimis to Thomas Corney iij li. Item to the executors of Mastris Margery Wandisford iij^{xx} li. – to M^{ris} Jackson in angells xxx li. – to Mr. Richard Lowder x li. – to rents behind unpaid to Huton chapell, xxix s. iiij d. – to Henry Wandisford iij^{xx} li. – to Michaell Wandisford for the funeralls of John Wan-

* This schedule is a separate sheet of parchment.

disford * l s. vj d. – to Anthony Wren † for the same vij s. – to Mr. Swaile iij^{xx} li. – to Roger Wise xl li. – to John Wise x li. cum equo. – to Christopher Dixon xl s. – to John Power cum uno quarterio ordei xl s. – to Christofer Scuton cum uno quarterio ordei xl s. – to John Hunter pro consimili xl s. – to John Lumley pro consimili xl s. – to John Ponce pro consimili xl s. – to William Gatynby pro consimili xl s. – to George Sweting pro consimili xl s. – to Robert Tompson vij li. vj s. viij d. – to Rauf Wılson pro uno quarterio ordei v li. xj s. viij d. – Lowson wif for on quarter of barley, iiij li. ij s. – John Ballens iiij s. viij d. – to Robert Lowson iiij. children porcions unpaid, xij li. x s. x d. – to Mastris Fulthroppe viij^{xx} li. – to Giles Fulthroppe xl li. – detts at London, vj^{xx}xiij li. – to Whyng of the Wold xx li. – to Rauf Gowre x li. v s. j d. – blacks at Richmond xlv li. xxiij d. – a pece of blacke at Bedall vj li. – Mr. Giles laide furthe at the daie of the funerall xx li. – laid furth by certen tennants at Hipswell at the said tyme xvj li. – for nailes to Ougthwhet, vij s. iiij d. – to James Fulthroppe iij li. iij s. – money borowed of the tennants of Hipswell, Caber,‡ and Bernerd castell, when he whent to purchase Huddiswell, xlvij li.§ – to Robert Stevenson iij li. xiij s. iiij d. – to Robert Garthwhet xj li. iij s. – to John Kearton iij li. xv s. ix d. – to James Bower viij li. xvj s. iij d. – to William Butler vij s. – to Thomas Burrell for clothe, xvij s. x d. – to Alexander Atkinson for wyld foule, iij s. iiij d. – to Richard Arye for burds, x s. ix d. – to y^{e} servants of Hipswell for thre quarters wagies, v li. xix s. iiij d. – to the servants of Keartlington for iij. quarters wagies, xliij s. – for iij. tyth calves and viij. fleses to the vicar of Catherycke, xij s. – to Robert Darby xv li. – to Richard Wiseman xxviij s. ix d. – for his work, xv s. – to Thomas Lurden xiij s. iiij d. – to Rauf Furbancke for osmonds and bary . . . . iij s. x d. – to William Prat v s. iiij d. – to John Clerke, ij s. vj d. – to Robert Walker viij d. – to Will Sheperd's executors ix s. iiij d. – to Richard Pallyser vj s. xj d. – to Francis Lassels xxij li. xviij s. viij d. – to Wilkinson's wife pro

* This may, perhaps, be Joan, the only daughter of the testator, who died before her father, unmarried.

† Of Binchester, in the bishoprick of Durham, and the ancestor of the famous Sir Christopher Wren. He married Elizabeth Wandisford, the sister of the testator.

‡ The Fulthorpes had been long owners of Kabergh in Westmoreland, and of lands in Barnardcastle, all of which passed into the family of Wandisford, through the wife of the testator.

§ Philip and Mary, on the 23rd of February, in the fourth and fifth years of their reign, granted in fee by letters patent to Francis Wandesford and John Wandesford of Lincoln's Inn, his son, certain lands in Hudswell, Barton, and Carperby, part of the possessions of the dissolved house of Easby. They paid for them the large sum of 888*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, being thirty years' purchase.

di. quarterio ordei. – to Christopher Hyldell vij s. iiij d. and vij. bushalles of rye and ij. bushalles of malt. – to William Whiet of Allerton for the burde of Christofer and Francis Wandisford, xl s.* – to Robert Walker for xij. rude of dyke dyked, xviij d. – Mr. Michall Wandisford for a horse, v li. – detts at Yorke, xj li. xvij s. – frarswagies, xlix s. – to Christofer Sym' viij s. – to parson Tonstall viij li. Summa totalis, ix^{c}.xxxvj li. ix s. xj d.

CXIV. THOMAS WILSON OF KYRKBIE IN KENDALL.

June 8, 1559. I Thomas Wilson,† of the towne of Kyrkbie in Kendall, holle of mynde and good of rememberannce, thankes be unto Allmyghtie God, consydering y^{t} deathe to every man is dight, the owre thereof most uncertayne, not willinge to dye untestate, wherefore in the helthe of my saulle I provide and ordaynes this my last will and testament. O Lord, my God and Savior, I give and beqweathe to the my saulle, which is thy owen, bought with thy precious bloud, and of all the trewe and faithfull obediens of my hart and bodye I offer to the and thy tuition from hence furthe tyll my departinge, and then my bodie to rest in my pariche churche under Saynte Christofer loft.—

CXV. FRANCES CATERIGG TESTAMENT OF STANWICK.

In the name of God, Amen. This present xxix. day of the monthe of August, which ys in the yeare of our Lord 1559, I Francys Catheryke of Stanwyggs,‡ within the pariche of Saynt Johne's in the countie of Yorke, gentylman, beinge of perfytie mynde and memorye, thanks be unto Almyghtie God, mayks this

* These two boys had been probably brought up at the grammar-school at North-allerton, which was at this period in considerable repute, and which long sustained its reputation.

† A preamble which presents a charming picture of earnest and unaffected piety in all its freshness and simplicity.

‡ The testator was a member of a very respectable family which had been long situated at Stanwick. He was a younger son of William Catterick by Margaret, daughter of John Saltmarsh of Saltmarsh, esq., and was never married. The Cattericks were always famous for their breed of horses, and it was probably owing to the immediate vicinity of Gaterley Moor, the great race-course of the North of England, that they paid such attention to their stud. We find their horses frequently alluded to. In 1595 John Garthe of East Layton leaves to his "landlord, Mr. John Catherick, the gray colte that was under the mear I bought off my old maister his father:" and in his Inventory, among many other horses, he has, "a gray stagg, y^{t} was of Mr. Catterick mear," which is valued at 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; and "a white mear with a colt foil off Mr. Catterick's breid," valued at 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* The horse-keepers of Sir Cuthbert Collingewoods owe him 3*l.*

my last wyll and testament after thys manner folowinge. Fyrst I bequethe my solle unto Almyghtie God, my creatorre and redemer, and to oure Laydie Saynte Marye, and to all the blessed companie of heven, and my bodye to be bured within the cancell of Saynte Johnes. Inprimis, I bequethe to my brother Anthonye Catheryke * xx li. and my best mayre, to be the supervisor of this my last wyll. Item I bequethe unto Robert Lambert † one of my best geldyngs. Item I bequethe unto Roger Mennell another of my best geldyngs. Item I bequethe unto my syster Elezabeth Cathericke xl s. and my amblinge mayre that was bought of Margarett Ovyngton. Item I bequethe unto Thomas Catheryke a foolle of the same mayre. Item I bequethe unto Mergere Mennell my yonge whyt mayre and xx li. Item I bequethe unto Grace Lambert my downed mayre and xx li. Item I bequethe unto Dorytie Catheryke my bay fyllie and xx li. Item I bequethe unto Elsabeth Mennell my gray fylle y^{t} goes of the fell. Item I bequethe unto the sayd Mergere Mennell, Grace Lambert, and Dorytie Catheryke, all my wedders that goes at Feldome. Item I bequethe unto the churche x li. Item I bequethe unto M^{r}esse Ezabell fyve nobles in y^{e} yeare, to be taken of the rent of Manfeylde duryng hyr lyfe naturall. Item I bequethe unto Sir Steven Leyfchylde xx^{ti} nobles, and yf the churche cumme to the olde state, to be mayd xx^{ti} markes. Item I bequethe unto everye one of Wylliam Smythsons chyldrynge vj s. viij d. Item I bequethe unto John Shawe xx s. Item I bequethe unto Francys Kylborne xx s. Item I bequethe unto Wylliam Wylde x s. Item I bequethe unto Henry Rome x s. Item I bequethe unto Thomas Hynde x s. Item I bequethe unto Mawde Chature x s. Item I bequethe unto Ellynge Pyborne x s. Also the resydew of all my lands and goods unbequithed I geve unto my brother George Catheryke,‡ whome I mayke my holle executure. These wytnesses, Sir Steven Leyfchylde, Wylliam

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Manfeylde, Anthony Wylde, John Shawe, and Francys Kylborne, with others. [Prob. ult. Nov. 1560.]

CXVI. ELSABETHE WITHAM TESTAMENT.

In the name of God, Amen. 12 September 1559, I Elezabethe Wytham of Bratonbye within the pariche of Barton in y^e^ countye of Yorke, wedowe* — my bodye to be bured within the church of Saynt Cuthbert nye unto my husbande. Inprimys I bequethe unto Sir Thomas Wylson v s. Item I bequethe unto Wylliam Wytham a cowe and fyve merke y^t^ he awes me for y^e^ reparations of his howsys. Item I bequiethe unto Thomas Cowrewen and hys wyffe ather of them a Franshe crowne. Item I bequethe unto Clarye Welden a cowe. Item I bequethe unto Anne Welden a cowe. Item I bequethe unto Wylliam Wytham wyffe my last mayd gowne. Item I bequeth unto my brother Welden† wyffe a blake gowne welted with velvett. Item I bequethe unto Robert Hobson wyfe a blak kyrtle. Item I bequethe unto Robert Welles wyfe another blake kyrtle. Item I bequethe unto Mr. Anthony Catheryke halfe a angell. Item I bequethe unto Wylliam Witham a Franshe crown, whome I make the supervyours of my wyll. Also the resydewe of all my goods unbequied I geve unto my brother sonne Edwarde Welden,‡ whome I mayke my full executor. In wytnesse hereof, Mr. George Catheryke, Sir Thomas Wylson, Robert Wylde, Peter Mansell, and Anthony Wylde.

* The testatrix was the widow of Mathew Witham of Brettanby, whose will we have before given. Her maiden name was probably Weldon. For more particulars about her family see the wills of her husband and her son-in-law William Witham, which are given above.

† The Weldons were a family of gentry, probably of Northumbrian extraction, which settled at Colborne, in the parish of Catterick. John Weldon of Colborne, gentleman, who was perhaps the brother of the testatrix, by his will dated on the last of April, 1563, leaves to his son Edward "a sygnet of gold weing xl s., paing to iche of his thre brethren (Robert, William, and Thomas Weldon) ten shillings for ther porcions thereof;" and he also makes Isabel his wife his executrix. In his Inventory, made 17th January, 1563-4, "a standing bedstead corded with a sparver of dernex and courtens," is valued at xiij s. iiij d.

‡ Of Colborne, gentleman. In his will, dated on the 14th of March, 1581, he mentions his two nieces Elizabeth and Anne Weldon, his own daughters Elizabeth and Isabel Weldon, his brother Thomas Weldon, and his wife Dorothy. He also makes provision for the maintenance of his son Francis at the grammar-school and university, and makes the "worshipfull Raphe Lawson of Burghe, esq., and Elizabeth his wyfe, his singuler frends," his supervisors, begging "there worshippes to vouchsafe for God's sake and the consanguinitie betwixte them to take paynes."

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ccccc.lix. I John Tristrame* of the pariche of Myddilton Tyas in the cunty of Yorke — my bodey to be bureyd in Myddilton chyrche in the place wher I hussed to seyt. — Item I will that my son William shalbe at the order and rewell of his master Edward Byget of Mol. . . . gentellman unto suche tyme that his ownkill and my son James do promot hyme to an honest levinge — Item I bequith unto my son Antoney my horsse I do ryde uppon and my apperell withall. Item I bequith unto every oyn of my godchildren within the parich iiij d. Item I will that Tome Broune shall hav the rygge end at the garthe end to brige hym up withall (*erased*). Item I bequith unto every oyn of my tennaunts within the towne off Mydillton xij d. (*erased* and iiij d. inserted.) Item I bequith unto everey cotman within the towne of Myddilton ij d. a pece. Item for my tythe and oblacions neglegently forgotten ij d. Item for all the rest of my lands, tennements, and heredetaments lyenge in Myddilton, Richmund, and Darlyngton I gev tham unto James Tristrame† my son and here. — The ressedew of my goods, my detts payed, movabill and unmovabill, my cowntar and my evedence chiste except, which I gev unto my said son James owt of part, I gev unto my wyffe Margery, Marey, Alice, and Jane my doghters, whome I make my full executors. Item I will that James Tristrame, John Tristrame, Gylles Fulthorpe, gentillmen, and Lanclot Trestram my son and my brother Robert Conyers to be supervissers of this my present will, and to the . . . gev unto ayther of theme a crowne to se this my pressent will of ther goodnes to be fulfilled to the plesor of God and the helth of my sowlle. Amen. Witness heyrof, Sir Nicholes Smithson viccar, T. Smithson, Thomas Lelhame, William Brune, and John Browne, with other moy. Per me Johannem Trestram.

M^d^ that thes hes detes y^t^ I John hes awen at thes present wyll makkyng. Item to Mr. Vycker xxxiij s. iiij d. Item to my unkell Geyls Foolttoup xl s. Item to Robert Stevenson wif xvj s. and chalde. Item to M^r^. Ead. Symson xx s. Item to Lawrence Broun xx s. Detes haweing unto John Trestram. My unkell

* The testator appears to have been the purchaser or lessee under the Crown of some of the lands which had lately belonged to St. Mary's Abbey, York. Nothing is known of him or his descendants, but he seems to have been connected with one or two good North Riding families. A John Tristram had an obit in Richmond church at the Dissolution. The will, which is in the testator's own writing, is curiously worded, and is written in a very bad hand on a meagre sheet of paper, of which a corner has been pre-occupied by the prayer of some youthful aspirant to literary fame: "Jusue be my spede, in grace and vertue to proceed, that I ma learne to write and reade. Amen, Amen."

† James Tristram of London, gentleman, sold a close in Middleton called the Abbat Closes and other property there to Leonard Browne, who makes his will at Middleton in 1576 and leaves his lands to his sons Valentine and Marmaduke.

Sir William Trestrame* x l. Item my broder John Alstoup xl s. has apers. Item mor dats has apers by my dates-bouks wyche hes sythence desschared.

CXIX. RANDALL WARD OF MYKYLL USBURNE.

January 29, 1559. Randall Ward of Mykyll Usburne — I gyffe to the churche iij s. iiij d. Item I gyffe to ye vycar to pray for me ij s. Item I gyffe to ye churche ij. buschells of barlye . . . bestowed at ye dyscrecon off ye churchewardons and sett uppe a candell before ye sepulcrur every ȝere to be prayed for. Item I gyffe to everye poore howse in Mykyll Usburne a pekke of rye. —

CXX. ANNE LADEMAN OF GAYTERLEY.†

Inventory, 11 March 1559. Imprimis, a basing with an ewer, ij s. viij d. – iij. candelsticks, xvj d. – iij. potigers and a salser, xliij d. – a brasse pott and a fyer chawfer, ij s. iiij d. – a morter of brasse with a pestell, xij d. – ij. kettells and ij° pannes, iiij s. – a spete, ij. cobyerones, a rosting yeron and a recking croke, ij s. iiij d. – ij. chists, xij d. – one lyttell goblet of silver, xxxvj s. – v. silver spoones, xvj s. viij d. – iiij. lyttall ryngs of silver with a gymmer of golde, ij s. vj d. – one crusyfixe of silver, ij s. – one paire of almes beads with a lyttell crusyfixe of silver, ij s. – one paire of geate beads with lyttil beads of currell, xvj d. – ij. peces of velvett, xvj d. – viij. vailes, iij s. iiij d. – money, viij s. – one olde ryall of gold, xv s. – iiij^{or} quyssings and a counter clothe, ij s. – a fether bed, ij° materesses, one covering, ij° coverletts, iij. blanketts, iij. codds and one paire of shetes, xxiiij s. x d. – iiij. gowenes, iiij. kyrtells and a cloke, xxxiij s. iiij d. – one hoode of course saye, xvj d. – in nappary ware, xxx s. viij d. – a smale gyrdell of velvett with a heade and a pendent of silver, and gilted, xvj d. Summa ix li. xvij s. x d. *Debts* that is owen to her. The executors of Doctor Daykyns,

* The last incumbent of the chantry of our Lady, in the chapel of Lartington, in the parish of Romaldkirk. He was fifty-six years of age at the time of the survey of Edward VI., and is described as being possessed of "honest conversacon and qualities, haveing indifferente good lerning."

† Apparently a member of one of the Richmondshire nunneries, who had carried her treasures away with her into retirement. The money owing to her by the executors of Dr. Dakins is probably a part of her yearly pension. By her will, dated on the 27th of November, 1559, she leaves everything she has to Thomas Smythson, at whose house she was in all probability residing.

xx s. Summa, x li. xvij s. x d. *Debts* that she oweth. Thomas Smythson, lviij s. iiij d. And so remaneth, vij li. xix s. vj d.

CXXI. DOMINI WILLELMI LOFTUS TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 2 October, 1560. I William Loftus clerke,* — my bodye to be buried in the porche of Saynt John in Richmond churche, nighe unto my brother Sir Gabriell. Item I bequethe to everye prest being present at my buriall, xij d. Item I bequeth to everye scoler whiche use to sing Sondais and holidays in the quere, ij d. Item I bequethe to the hye alter in Richmund churche a clothe of reade say with roses in yt. Item I bequethe to the alter of Saynt John in Richmond churche a clothe with the image of Saynt Lawrence in yt. To Cuthbert Sympson and William Hutton my god sons vjd. each. Item to Agnes Hogill iij s. iiij d. To everye servante dwelling in Mr. Gowers house iiij d. Item to Christopher Cooke my syster son one fedder bed and one quysshing, whiche was my brother Sir Gabriell's† and left in my custody to the use of the said Christopher. To Dorathye and Isabell Cooke, to each iij s. iiij d. Item I bequethe to the releif of the pore people within Richmonde towne xx s. Item I bequethe to the reparacions and beilding of Catherick bridge iij s. iiij d. Item I give and bequeth to the mending of Grynton brigge iij s. iiij d.—Supervisors, Mr. Rauf Gower gent., Sir John More‡ and Sir Arthure Tailior, prests, to each of whom I give ij s. for their paynes. Witnesses, Sir John Accrig clerke — [Prob. 6 April, 1562.] (*)

* Sir William Lofthouse was chaplain to the guild of St. John in Richmond, and at the Dissolution received from his brethren an annual pension of *5l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, which was afterwards continued by the auditor. He was buried in the church of Richmond 16th January, 1561–2.

† "Gabriell Lofthouse of Richmond, chapleyne," makes his will on the 4th of August, 1552, in which he leaves "to every prest dwelling within the towne of Richmond, for singing or saing suche suffraiges as are appoynted by the kings majesties proceedings to be song or said for the souls departed, viij d.; to Anne Conyers his godaughtor iiijd.; to the poore, xx s.; to Sir John Taylyour a wod spone tipped with silver; to Sir John More his shirte; to Sir Thomas Sadler a long gowne."

‡ Sir John More, who has been more than once mentioned before, was chantry priest at the altar of our Lady in Richmond Church, and also Master of the Grammar School. By his will, dated 1st of September, 1570, he directs his body to be buried in Richmond Church, "of the west side of the founte," and leaves "to his nephew John Marshall all his lands in Thirske; 10*l.* to each of the eight daughters of his said nephew out of his burgages and lands in Richmond, and 10*l.* to his cousin John Walker to bring him upp in learning." He was buried in Richmond Church on the 6th of December, 1571.

CXXII. LOFTUS LEONARDI INVENTARIUM.

The INVENTORY of all the gouds moveable and unmoveable of Leonard Loftus of Dunholme,* laitlie deceased, praysed by thes four honest men, that is to saie, Richard Gefreyson, Thomas Pearson, Mathewe Harland, and Edward Dent, the xviijth of October, anno Domini 1560.

Inprimis, iij. horses, price iij li. iij. stirks, xxx s. xij. busshelles of hard corn, xxiiij s. ij. quarters of haver, x s. viij d. ij. lodes of ure (lead ore), xl s. One foder of lede, vj li. The lease of a close, xx s. Summa totalis, xv li. iiij s. viij d. *Debts awinge unto the said Leonard Loftus.* Inprimis Gefrey Carter xxvij. lode of ure, price xxvij li. The said Gefrey in money l s. The said Gefrey a lode and a half of ure sand, price xv s. Richard Cotes of Bowys xxj^{ll} lode of ure, price xxj li. Mathewe Skot of Langwhet xlvj s. viij d. The said Mathewe for a lode of ure, xx s. James Skot and John Skott one lode and a half of ure, xxx s. Bryan Clerkson for a lode of ure, xx s. William Bynks and George his brother viij. lode of ure, viij li. Rennald Hird iij. lode of ure and a horse lode, iij li. v s. The said Rennald in monye, xiij s. iiij d. William Skott viij. trowes of ure, xiij s. iiij d. John Tailyor of Clapgait one lode of ure, xx s. The wif of John Skott a horse lode of ure, v s. William Loftus of Marrycke xv s. James Phillup of Briggnell iij li. vj s. viij d. Rennald Colling x li. Christofer Haule ij. foder of lede and iij. lode of ure, xvij li. vj s. viij d. George Cote of Bowys a foder of lede, vij li.

CXXIII. JOHN FORSTER OF LABRONNE.

Nov. 27, 1560. John Forster of Labronne† — to be buryed in the churche yerd of Wenslaye — and xx s. to be payed to Sir Regnald Hyndmer parson of Wenslaye, ... for all my forgootten tythes within his parichen, and x s. to be payed to Mycheall Wandisfourth farmer of the parsionadge of Pyckhall, in recompenc of all my forgootten tythes at Swaynebye, and . . . . to be payed to John Chomelay esquier, farmer of the

* The little village of Downeholm, near Richmond, is on the confines of the lead district, and the villagers seem to have been chiefly employed in carrying away the mineral from the mines on their packhorses, a mode of conveyance which is still very common in Richmondshire.

† Of the family of the testator very little is known, although he appears to have been a person of considerable opulence. His son and heir Francis Forster, according to the wish expressed by his father, subsequently married his ward Elizabeth Place.

parsionadge of Spenthornne, for recompence of all my forgootten tythes in the parriche of Spenethornne — The lands I have purchessid in East Haxwell, Horneby, Bellerby, and Rydmer — my second son Chr Forster — my third son George Forster. To my sonne Frauncis Forster, being my eldeste sonne, — my best signet of golde havinge the printe of a goote bucke, my best salt with a cover of silver and duble gilte, one dussen of my best silver spones, and one sesteronn of leade. To my sonne Christofor Forster one ring of goold, called a haupe of goold, and my second saulte of silver duble gilte, and a halfe dosen of silver spones. To my sonne Gorge Forster one other ringe of goold with a sealle, one drinken cupe with a cover of silver and duble gilte, and halfe a dusen of silver spones. To Christofer Forster my brother sonne one other ringe of goold. To Doryte my wife one standing pece of sylver with a cover duble gilte and the best bed in my house. — My part of the tythe corne of Cleasbye, which I hold with Mr. Gower of Richmond, to Chr and George Forster.* To my owne naturall mother Mauld Crathorne xli. — I have bought the wardshipe and mariage of Elisabeth Place one of ye doughters and heires of Christofor Place esquier diseased — my wife to get the marriage of my son Francis Forster and they to marye if she assent — I most hertylye requier my best faythfull frends Mr. Christofer Wyvell and William Wicklife esquieres, John Swale gent., and my brother Henry Forster to be supervysors — all my bokes† to be locked up and kepte for Frauncis Forster untill he come to lawfull age. —

CXXIV. ALLIS PEARSONE‡ LATE WIFE OF THOMAS PEERSONE.

Inventory. 3 December, 1560. Inprimis, in golde and silverr, xxxiij s. vij d. ob. v. sylver spoyns. xx s. ij. stone and a halffe of yearne and halffe a fertleitt. xiij s. iiij d. xix. stone of woell and a stone of flockes. iiij li. xiij s. iiij d. Girdles and beltts with

* A family of Forster, bearing these names among its members, appears about this time in Darlington. They might, perhaps, settle there in preference to Cleasby.

† His books seem to have been carefully preserved, as Christopher Forster of Laborne, gentleman, who was probably a grandson of the testator, in his nuncupative will, made about the year 1625, directs all his books to be sold, and the money which they should bring to be given to the eight children of his brother George Forster. In his inventory, books sold to Mr. Edward Teppan are valued at 20s.; books sold to Mr Chaytor of Wensley at 5s. 8d.; books sold to Mr. Gayle of Thornton Steward at 2s.; books sold to John Napier of Wensley at 7s. 6d.; a little book to William Bourgwike at 6d.; books sold to Christopher Fotherstaid of Laborne at 20d.; a little book sold to John Kilner of Laborne, 4d.; books sold to Mr. George Wate of Laborne, &c.

‡ A Norfolk lady. Her inventory contains some curious particulars.

pendants and buckles, xxxviij s. A parr of croiks, a taiche, a brouche, with other broken peces of silver, ix s. iiij d. vj. parr of beadds with ȝigs and silver gawdies, xiiij s. iiij^{or} par of knyffs, a purse of silver wyer with a rybyn, iiij s. x d. ij. pursses, a pyncod, iiij^{or} par of gloves, with a gridle, xvj d. ij. parr of chambleitt slevisse and a par of blew saye, xx d. In waxe, viij d. A peece of worstid with ij. peeces of velvett and ij. old cuffs, xx d. A bodie of one olde silke dubleitt and a peice of buckeram, xvj d. vj. yeards of colored clothe and ij. yeards of cloithe, xx s. ij. silke hatts and ij. reade hatts, xv s. A blewe mantyll, ȳj s. In beaffe and larde, xxvj s. viij d. In tallowe, kytchynfye, and butterr, x s. —

CXXV. TESTAMENTATUM JOHANNIS APPILBYE DE RUMMELDKYRKE.

In the nayme of God, Amen. The 26 day of the monthe of July, Anno Christi 1561, I John Appulby of Gylefeld,* hooll of mynd and in full and perfitte memorie, yet feryng and doubtyng y^{e} great and dangerus parels of death, maketh my laste will and testament in manner and forme folowyng. Fyrste, I geve and bequeth my soull unto God Allmyghtie, and my bodie to be buried in the church earth of God and Saint Rumald — I geve to the works of the same church x s. — I geve to my good cosyn Wyliam Appleby de Gilfeld, in consideracion of all such charges as he haith ben at with me and my horses and my hounds, all the tyme of my beyng with hym at Gylfeld, over and besids all such rakynyngs and accompts as is betwen me and hym, vj l. xiij s. iiij d., with my beste gyldyng and my best horne, and xx. stones of wolles, and the same horn to remaine to his son Nicholas Appulby after hym. Item I geve unto my cosyn Elezabeth Appelby his wyf my awn horse and x. stones of wolles. Item I geve to Christofer Grice on horse, colour blake, and one mare, colour baye, with a foille, and xth stones of wolles. Item I geve to my speciall good m^{r}. M^{r}. Thomas Rookesby of Mortham xxxiij s. iiij d., which is in his awn hands. Item I geve to hys son Mr. Antonie Rookesby xxxiij s. iiij d., which is in his father's hands. To my cosyn Ambros Appleby xl s. To my cosyn Antony Appulby† son of my cosyn William Appulby on mare, called curtall fellee, colour gray, or on in the Dailhed, which is

* The pedigree of the great clan of Appleby is so much involved that it is impossible to ascertain the exact position of its members. The testator seems to have been in affluent circumstances, and to have kept his horses and hounds.

† Anthony Appleby of Gilfield, who makes an extremely interesting will in 1591, which will be printed in its proper place.

suster to Mr. Latn mare, at his awn election. Item I geve to Nycholas Appulby hys brother* my beste colte stag in Peknell — To my cosyns Janee Appulby and Maree Appulby ather of them v l. towards their mariages — To my doughter Marjorie Appulby my best fether bedde with an oversee coverynge, ij. coverletts, my best caldron, on brasse pott, on brasyn morter for spice, with other necessitys at the descrecions of my executors, yf she wilbe ordred by my cosyn Wiliam Appulby, Christofor Grice, and hir frends. Item I geve to every servand now servyng my cosyn Wiliam Appleby every on of theym on sheip. Item I geve to Antony Cokson on ox calfe in Peknell, colour blake. Item I geve to Henry Todd on ox calfe in Peknell, color branded. To my cosyn Jak Appulby† xl s. and to his wyff xth stones of wolles, and to my cosyn Thomas Appelby the son xx s., and xx s. to the reste of the children of my cosyn Jaks Apleby. To my cosyn John Appulby of Dailhed one mare. To his brother littlee Brian Appulby v s. — To my unclee Mr. Antony Harwod vj s. viij d. To my oncle Wiliam Harwod xiij s. iiij d. — To my unclee Cuthbert Thursby vj s. viij d. To my cosyns Thomas Thursby and Gabriell Thursby vj s. viij d. To my cosyns Marjorie Thursby and Dorothe Thursby ather of theym vj s. viij d. — To my cosyn George Hog‡ a gold ring rased in the medeste and up again on boith syds. To Peter Hog xl s. son of George Hog. To Thomas Appleby merchand of London x li. To Wiliam Newby vj s. viij d., and to my awnt his mother vj s. viij d. To my cosyn Wiliam Appulby de Hagbanke on mare, which was his awne, and xx s. in money. To his ij. bredren Brian and Bartilmew§ vj s. viij d. To my frend John Jakson for his panes takyn for me xx s. To John Appulby, George Appulby, and Grace Appulby, children of Antony Appulby, xx s. by even porcions. To my cosyn An Wylson vj s. viij d. To Robert Lumbey on freced coil, a pare of hose, and a pare of shoes. — To cosyn Wiliam Appleby my beste gold ring — The right worshipfull

* Margaret, widow of Nicholas Appleby of Gilfield, has the administration of her husband's goods granted to her on the 11th of June, 1583.

† In 1548, Brian Appleby, whose will has been already printed, left three sons, William, John, and Jaks Appleby. He mentions his grandchildren, Ambrose, William, Thomas, and Anne Appleby. It is highly probable that the main line of the family of Appleby descended from him.

‡ George Hog was connected with the family of Appleby by his marriage with Grace the only daughter of Leonard Appleby, who, by his will dated on the 3rd of July, 1563, leaves to his grandson Peter Hog his half-burgage in Barnardcastle, lying in Bridgegate, upon the North-row.

§ Sons of John Appleby, who makes his will 11 April, 1557, and directs himself to be buried at Romald Kirk. He leaves his lands in Bolron and Barnardcastle to his son William Appleby, and mentions his sons Brian and Bartholomew, his wife Elizabeth, and his brother William Appleby. Leonard, John, and Anthony Appleby are among the witnesses.

Mr. Antony Rookesby supervisor, unto whom I geve xxxiij s. iiij d. in his father's hands as I said before. —

CXXVI. THOMAS AYKRIGGE OF RICHMOND, PREST.

Thomas Aykrigge* of Richmond, prest, 18 August 1561, — to be buried within the paryshe churche of Richmond wher my brother Rauf and my cosyne Sir John Aykrigge shall thinke the best. — To my said cosyne Sir John my sarcenet typpet, my best russelles typpet, and my best cappe. Item I bequethe to Mr. doctor Sygiswicke† x s. To the parson of Richmond, to Mr. Moore, and to Sir Christofer Huchynson to every of theime xij d. To my cosine Helene Aykrigge my best gowne but two, one table with ij. lockers in it, and xl s. — To my sister Janet Aycrigge one pott with a silver cover parsell gilte. To my brother Rauffe one pott with cover hole gilte. —

Inventory 29 August 1567. Item v. longe gownes, iiij s. ij. clokes and ij. cotes of russels with sleves, xxij s. ij. jackets of cloth with sleves and ij. payre of hose, xvj s. viij d. ij. hodes lyned with wyrsett, vj s. viij d. One rydinge saddell and a brydell, vj s. viij d. iiij. cappes and a hatte, vj s. One sarcenet typpet and ij. russeles typpetts, iiij s. In currant money and golde, xxxj s. iiij d. In pace money, vij s. x d. ij. silver sponnes, xiiij s. One challes of silver percell gylte, xlij s. A golde gymmer, one eare pyke of silver, ij s. ij. litle croses covered with silver parcell gylte, xx s. A dictionary called Ellyotte, x s. Summa, xxvij li. xiiij s. Funeral expences, iij li. xv s. iiij d.

CXXVII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ GRAISTOCK DE GARSTANGE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 22 August 1561. I Thomas Graistocke, lying at the visitacion of Almightie God, — my body to be buryed at the churche of Sancte Elen of Garstang. Item I giffe to every one of the detters that dothe owe unto me for lyne xij d. at every bonnde thei hade this yere and unpayed the day of my deathe. — Item to my brethren childer, iiij li. xiij s. iiij d. to be deviditt emongs tham equally. Item to Margery Graistocke and hir doghter, vj s. viij d. — Item to Sir Henry Hey, xvj s

* By no means an uncommon name in Richmond. Sir John Ackrigge was a stipendiary priest there at the time of the Dissolution, and Ralph Ackrigge was one of the burgesses mentioned in Queen Elizabeth's charter to the town.

† Sir Thomas Sedgwick, who has been more than once mentioned, was connected with the Sedgwicks of Walburn, and was Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge. An extract from the will of his mother has been given already.

viij d. — Item to William Graistocke, xx s. Item to Thomas Graistocke, iij s. iiij d. Item to Brockes brige, iij s. iiij d. Item to Haweth brige, iij s. iiij d. Item I giffe towardes the buylding of the new ile onto in the churche of Garstange, vj s. viij d. if hereafter it be buyeldett in myn executor's days. —

CXXVIII. HENRICI ASKWITH TESTAMENTUM.

In the name of God, Amen. 22 November 1561. I Henry Askwith of Newsted,* in the parishe of Est Witton, in the countie of Yorke, gentilman, hole off mynde — my bodye to be funerated or buried within the churche of Est Witton in a place called the Lady quere. Item I give and bequeth to the upholding and reparacion of the said quere iij s. iiij d. and I give and bequethe also to the upholding of the church of Kirkby Malsarde ij s. — To Cecill Askwith my wiff all my lands in Nether Silton otherwise callyd Silton Pannell and half my lands in West Hawxwell for her thirds and dowrye — and also my fermold of Newsteade whiche I do occupie, with the Carr close and my part of Angrame in Netherdale heade, and also my lease of certen grounde in the lordshipp of Rookwith callyd the Heying Holme, Inge close, and Litle Hell during her wydowhede. Also I will that according to an acte and statute made 32 Henry VIII. for the declaration of wills for lands, that my executors stand seased and be possessed of, in, and uppon my maner of Over Silton — unto such tyme as Mr. Leonard Dacres† be paide fourscore and ten pounds, for the whiche payment I stand bounde by my dede obligatorie to pay hym the same; and I give my executors auctoritie to taik and

* Henry Askwith of Newstead, a member of a very considerable Richmondshire family, married Cecily, daughter of William Conyers of Marske, and left by her four sons and one daughter. His will makes many additions to the pedigree of his family. Christopher, his eldest son, married Jane, daughter of Richard Pavor of Brome, near Spofford, and had by her a large family. He took the side of the queen in the rebellion of 1569, but died during its continuance. Simon, another son of the testator, married . . . daughter of . . . Burgh, and widow of . . . Beverley. His son Adam died in 1594, and his son George, whom we may perhaps identify with the curate of Hunton of that name, died in 1575. His only daughter Barbara married Robert Conyers of Coatham, in the bishoprick of Durham, whose will is given in the volume of Durham Wills already printed by the Surtees Society. Cecily Askwith, the widow of the testator, died in 1570.

† Leonard Dacre "with the croked bake" was the second son of William Lord Dacre of Gilsland, and was a crafty and able supporter of the two rebel earls. After the failure of that rash enterprise he seized upon the castle of Greystock, and fortified Naworth; and under colour of defending his own and resisting the rebels he gathered together about 3,000 "rank-riders," who were defeated by Lord Hunsdon, in an engagement between Naworth and Carlisle, on the 19th of February, 1570. Their leader escaped with difficulty to Flanders, where he died on the 12th of August, 1573. For a most graphic account of Leonard Dacre, see Sharp's History of the Rebellion.

receive rents, sell wodds, to taike gressomes, and to sell lands unto suche tyme as the saide Leonarde Dacres be paid and the said obligacion discharged, except that my sone Christofer Askewith will pay it. — My sonns Symond and Christofer Askwith to devide my fermehold at Newestead between them. Also I give to my said sone Symond after my wiff's death the revercion of my part of Newsted so devided and the Carr close — to my sonne Adam Askwith one close within the lordeshippe of Rookwith called the Scubbye close, which I did taike of John Atkynson. — To my son Christofer Aeskwith my best gowne. — To my sone Robert Conyers my best yong horse but one, and to everye child of my sonnes and doughters a yowe and a lame. To everye of my brethren a Frenche crowne for a remembrance. To Elizabeth Askwith Ralph Askwith's doughter a whye. Also to Symonde bastarde callyd Jermay xl s. To Anne Conyers the yonger fyve marks to her mariege, and to everye one of my servants within my house at the day of my deathe xij d. — To my brother Rauf Askwith my best jacket. — To Sir William Burdon iij s. iiij d. — I will that all suche feoffaments and annuities as I have made unto Symonde and Adam Askwithe shall stand according to th'effecte of my grannte therof maide. — To Anne Conyers th'elder two yowes. Of the residewe one half I give to my son George Askwithe and the other to Cecill my wife to dispose for the healthe of my soule. — Executors my wife and Christofer, Symonde, George, and Adam my sons. — Supervisor my son in lawe Robert Conyers. [Prob. 9 June 1562.] (*)

CXXIX. JOHN TOWNLEY PAROCHIÆ DE RIBCHESTER.

22 .... 1562. I John Townelay of Dutton of the parishe of Rybchester, gentylman. — to be buried in the parisshe churche att Rybchester — and forasmuche as eny person or persons havinge any capitall mease, lands, tenements, hereditaments holden in soccage or of the nature of socage tenure and not havinge any capitall mease, lands, tenements, or hereditaments holden of the Quenes majesties by knyght servis, or by soccage tenure in chefe, or the nature of socage tenure in chefe, nor of any other person or persons by knyght servis, shall and may have full and free liberte, power, and auctorite to geve, dispose, devyse, wyll, and declare by his last wyll and testament all his said capitall mease, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, or any of them, at his free wyll, liberte, and pleasure, and allso that every person or persons havinge any capitall mease, lands, tenements of estate of inheritance, holdin in knyght servis, shall and may have full power and

'auctorite by his last wyll and testament to wyll. — I the said John Towinlay, being seased of inheritance of certain lands in Dutton in socage, or in the nature of socage tenure, do give unto Kathe my wife — of my lands, closes called the nerer Handfeild, the further Handfeild, the Wyddow grenes, the Cow feild, the Okin ridding, the Great and Litle banks, Hemer lees and the Ponshones, and 2 closes of the Ragdens for 21 years, and then to come to my right heirs. — Also I wyll that a j d. be geven to every person beinge prescnt at the tyme of my buryall that wyllingly wyll take hit. — To every servant dwellinge with me at the day of my death one yeres wages. — To Jane my doughter ten pounds. To Sir Jamys Linggard, viccar of Ribchester, xiij s. iiij d. To Sir Jamys More x s. To Sir Rychard Mersden x s. The rest of my goods to Katherine my wife, whom I make my executrix — my singuler good Mr. Mr. John Talbot of Saylburye esquier supervisor, and I allso gyffe for his paynes takinge x li.

Inventory 1572. ij. payre of clammers, one foit eche, with togwethes, xx d. iij. goubeyrons with one brouling iron, xvj d. xiij. stannis and barels, vj s. viij d. iij. skelis, ij. collockis, ij. pickeins, ij s. vij. knoppis and turnels, one knedesshein, xxiiij s. For a hare, vj s. iiij d. v. sylver sponis, xvj s. Sum. lxiij li. v s. vij d. He owes to Edward Ratcliffe v li. John Shirburne gentylman owes him v li. xiij s. iiij d.

CXXX. ROBERT STOREYE OF KYRBYE IN KENDALL.

Maye 21, 1562. Robert Storreye of Kyrkbye in Kendall.—To Charles my sone my counter and dishebourd, one cheare, with one close backe, two chests in the loft, th'one was Sir Anthony my brothers, th'other is one newe chest which I mad of myne owne stoufe. Also to William my sone one chest in the sellar where I lye. Also to Charles my sone one new sheit which James did gyve me, one clock of colour callid milk and watter.

Inventory, 29 August, 1562. Inprimis, iij. mellyd russetts, xlij s. Item ij. other selblacks, xx s. iiij^{or} ruggs, xij s. v. kelters and a blakene, xliiij s. A selblacke in the studles, x s. vij. brasse potts and a chaiffer, xxxv s. ix. pannes and kettills, ix s. xv. peces of peuther, vj s. ij. rakencruks, tongs, a speite, tripett, and pot cruks, xx d. A cownter, a almerye, a chaire, and stolles, xij s. Hay, x s. Stees, stanggs, peatts, old tenture tymber, x s. In a litill house woodd with other geire, vj s. viij d. Fyve coverletts, xij s. vij. sheitts, vij s. A pece of hardyn, ij. whesyons, xvj d. A pece of white and a pece of hardyn, iiij s. His rayment, xx s. A bleckert, vj s. viij d. iij. coldrons and a kettill,

xxxiij s. iiij d. A fetherbedde, a mattresse, ij. bowsters, ij. sheitts, and iij. whesyons, xiij s. iiij d. A cheist, ij s. ij. other cheists and a arke, vij s. vj d. In the loft, barrells, swills, stolles, a chaire, with other woodde gere, iij s. iiij d. Taysles, iij s. iiij d. A roppe of hylds, viij d. iiij^{or} paire of shearmans shears, shearborde handills, with other geire, xl s. Bleckyd garne, xxiiij s. Blacke woulle, xx s. Selblacke woulle, xij s. Graye flocks, white woulle and garne, x s. A paire of studles, wheills and cards, iiij s. iiij^{or} tentures with tenture barres, xxxiij s. iiij d. A cowe, xx s. In money, xxx li. In gold, lxx li. Summa, vj^{xx}viij li. ij s. x d.

CXXXI. THOMAS THOMSON HOUSBANDMAN.

May 28, 1562. Thomas Thomson of Bolton upon Swale, housbandman — to be buryed within y^{e} churche of Hawghton. Ezabell my wyfe all my howsholde stuffe at Bolton, and the halfe of my fermeholde in Lytyll Staynton, so longe as she kepethe hir wedow, and Peter (Thomson) my brother the other halfe ; but yf she mary agayne, then I wyll y^{t} y^{e} sayde Peter my brother have it y^{e} yeares duryng my lease. — Item I bequethe to every one of my mayster servands iiij d. Item I gyve to y^{e} beyldyng and amendyng of Cateryke brege, xx s.,* beyng in the hands of Mr. George Soulby sonns. Item I bequethe to the same works xx s., beynge in the hande of Wyllyam Lasynby of Scorton. Item I gyve to the same use ij s. beynge in the hands of Roger Hall and his mother. Item I gyve to the pore folks in Bolton parisshe xx s. Item to the pore in Cateryke parisshe xv s. Item to y^{e} pore in Hawghton parisshe v s. Item to y^{e} pore in Hurworthe and Nesam v s. Item I gyve to Wyllyam Lafelde, John Thomson, and George Swyer, every one of them, for ther payns takyng,

* The old bridge of Catterick, about which so much valuable information has been preserved, appears to have been for some years in a state of considerable dilapidation ; and, as it was one of the greatest thoroughfares in the county, we find many charitable bequests for its restoration, which took place about six or seven years after the date of the present will. Of this restoration we fortunately are in possession of a most ample account ; for among the Sharp MSS. in the Cathedral Library at Durham there is a tall thin folio volume, containing the weekly bills of the masons, &c., employed in the work, which began on the 7th of March, 11th of Elizabeth. It extended over 37 weeks, and cost the large sum of 227*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.*, which appears to have been raised by the contributions of the whole of the North Riding of Yorkshire. The stone came from the quarries at Burgh and Aske, and consisted of "pennes, ashler, freestone, rough penes, and coble stones." The wood was brought from Blayfield and Greta Bridge ; and there is a charge of 16*d.* for two men watching the timber for two nights at "Didersey Hill," when it was on its way from Greta Bridge. The clerk of the works received 1*s.* a-day for his wages. The repairs must have been very considerable, as two arches, if not more, seem to have been entirely re-built. The original contract for the building of the bridge in 1421-2 is in the possession of Sir William Lawson of Brough Hall, and has been printed by the Archæological Institute.

v s. Item I mayke supervysor of this my will my espycyall gud m^{r} M^{r} Bryan Palmes, wyllyng and desyryng him to God sayke to se this my wyll trewly executyd, and to set a stay in all contraverses chansyng or rysyng apon or about any matter consernyng this my wyll, or any parte or parcell theroff, and he to have ether xl s. or els y^{e} best meare y^{t} I have at y^{e} tyme of my departyng for his paynstakyng. — The rest to Ezabell my wyfe, to Sir Symon, Wyllyam and Peter Thomson, my bredrynge, whome I ordayne and mayke my hole executors. [Prob. 21 July, 1562.]

CXXXII. ROBERT LORD OGLE* HIS INVENTORYE.

The INVENTORYE of all the goods — which late were the right honourable Robert Lord Ogle, deceased, at Allerton Maulevever, prased the xiij. day of August, 1562 (*Inter alia*) — Bay Swaill — Bay Curtall — a mare called Whit Fletcher — the golden chyne, xxv li. — a whyt bowell with a cover, ij. littill gilt bowles, one of them with a cover, a lyttill salt, xxiij. sylver spoynes, xv li. — xx. acars of wynter corn, xxx li. xxx. acars of ware corne, xviij li. My Lord's apparell, xx li. Goods at Blayberre croft — Goods at Markinton.

The Inventorye of all the goods moveable, &c. of the said Lord Ogle at Bottall [*deest pars Inventorii*]. *In the chamber above the parler*, fyve fetherbeds, fyve boulsters, vij mattresses, viij li. xiij s. iiij d. viij. boulsters, ix cods, vj s. xij. collered coverlets, xl s. xiij. happins, xxv s. The best bed coveringe, v. other covering, xliij s. iij d. ij. other coverings, viij s. xxxjth blankets, lij s. iiij d. A carpet of overse worke, xiij s. iiij d. A standinge bed carved, a truckle bed, tester and hangings of grene sarcenet, grene cubberd clothe, a cubbord and hangins, in the chambre a trusser of a bed, x s. *In the chambre within the same.* A trussing bed, a truckle bed and hangins, a teaster whit silke and read velvet, a cubbord, cubbord clothe, a chayre with hangins, a wyndow clothe of whit satten and read velvet, iij li. vj s. viij d. *In the great chambre.* A trussing bed and a teaster of blacke velvet and read damaske, and layd with lace and hangins, blacke sarcenet, read and yallow truckle bed, cubbord and cubbord clothe, dornicles, a counter, ij.

* Robert sixth Lord Ogle of Bothal castle, in Northumberland, by his marriage with Jane, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Mauleverer, acquired a life interest in the estate of Allerton Mauleverer. His inventory, which is unfortunately imperfect, in addition to the enumeration of his property in Yorkshire, contains an interesting account of his household furniture in his castle at Bothal. His will may be found in the volume of Durham Wills and Inventories which has been already printed by the Surtees Society. Jane, his widow, married for her third husband Sir Richard Mauleverer, her cousin, and carried the family estates into his family. The latter makes his will in 1603, and his inventory contains a most magnificent array of plate, robes, armour, and household goods.

joined formes, a framed chaire, an other old cubbord and cubbord clothe, with hangins in the chambre, v li. *In the chambre at the Greysehead.* A standing bed, a teaster damaske, a chayre, paynted clothes, vj s. *In the chambre over the porter lodge.* A fetherbed, a boulster, pillow, mattresse, a payr blankets, a happin, coverlet and bedstok, xxx s. *In the Tower chamber.* A bedstock, a mattresse, a feddrebed, a payr blankets, a happen, a coverlet, a bowlster, xiij s. iiij d. *In the Keichinge.* xij. London platters, xv. other platters, xij. dishes London versell, x. sawssers of the same, iiij. other dishes, iijj. old sawssers, a charger, liij s. iiij d. iij. brasse pots, iij. posnets. ij. speits, a lytell spet, a frying pan, pot crooke, a payre old iron racks, a bottall and a lyttill cubbord, xxvj s. viij d. A pan with a start, a lyttill pan, dreping pan, a broill iron, iij. dressing knyffes, and a old kettill, xij s. *In the Buttrie.* xxiiij. playts, vi. pudre candallsticks, v. latten candallstiks, xvj. barrells, vj. lether cans, stone pots, iiij. coved pots, ij. hogsheads, a tyn bottell, a plat for salt and egs, ij. tyn pots, a chairger, xliij s. *Nappery ware.* viij. payr lynning sheats, xl s. x paire samerone shets, xxx s. v. lynnyng boord clothes, xiij s. iiij d. vj. pillober coverings, viij s. A diaper cloth and xij. diaper napkins, xx s. ii. dosen other napkins, iiij. course bowrdclothes, iiij. lynnyng towels, x s. ij. payr fyne sheits and ix. pillowbers, xx s. viij d., &c. *Horsses, &c.* To the pothecarye for stuff, xxxviiij s. iiij d. To Launcelot Ogle xx li. To Mrs. Jane Ogle iij^{xx}vj li. xiij s. iiij d. To Tadcaster bridge, v s. The charges of the funeralls ix^{xx}j li. vij s. viij d. [£181 7*s.* 8*d.*]

CXXXIII. ALES HADOCKE WEDOW.*

Oct. 7, 1562. I Ales Hadocke, wedow, of the parysshe of Lancaster, late wyff of Rychard Hadocke, gentylman — to be buryed in the parysshe churche of Broghton, nyghe unto my husbande. Edward, Bryan, and Robert, my sons. — To Ellyn Wudds, my brother doghter, fowre ewes, to pray for me. — *I owe.* To master Ewan Hadocke xxxvj s. To master John Charnocke, for my rente, xxx s. To master George Rogerly of Lethom, iiij. marks. — To Lawrence Sornow, for a wyndyll of grots and chekyngs, vij s. iiij d. — *Owing to me.* Master Syngleton,

* A family of considerable importance in Lancashire. The husband of the testatrix, Richard Haydocke, made his will in 1556, by which he leaves to Alice his wife his lease of the tithe corn and grain of Warton. He mentions his "baster" son William Haydocke, his sister "Ellen Osboston," his cousin Hellen Rogerlye, his cousin George Rogerlye, and his godson Richard Rogerlye. He leaves to his brother Henry Haydocke his cloak; to his brother Edmund Haydocke his "curtall nagg," to his cousin William Clifton four silver spoons, to Henry Arkwright an "inlambe" shepe, and to his cousin Ewan Haydocke a "Sayncte Jhons heide."

of the towre, xx s. Master John Shyrburne, a feder bedde, a coverlette, a coveryng and a bolster, wyche I lende unto hym. — Item the executors and mynysters of the gods of master Rychard Syngleton, of Broghton towre, for a horse, xl s.

CXXXIV. ROBERT DODDINGE,* OF STRAMONGATE, PAR. KENDALL.

INVENTORY, October 15, 1562. Item iij. chayres, stolles, and cardstocks, iij s. Stockcards and hande cards, iij s. iiij d. iij. backbords, xij d. Stocks of a bedd, musterd stoynes, a claughe, a sive, ix d. In a litill house, stocks of a bedde and bleckfatts, iiij s. Tenture posts and woodde, vj d. ij. tentures, xx s. In the shoppe, shears, shearborde, and wyrkingere, xj s. iij. peces of clothe, xlviij s. iij. wheills, ij. pare of garne wyndills, xviij d. A pece of clothe in studles, xiiij s. Fyve candills, weys, ij. barrells, xvj d. A pare of studles, ganes, and stocks of a bedd, iij s. iiij d. In ryvyn bords and ellerbarks, vj s. *Detts owinge to hym.* Roger Mowre, for clothe, xxiiij s. Also the saide Roger, for a russet, xiiij s. Also the saide Roger, for a selblacke, xviij s. Also the saide Roger, for clothe, liij s. iij d.

CXXXV. JOHAN WICLIF TESTAMENTUM, PARISH OF RICHMOND.

In the name of God, Amen. The xijth daye of November, in the year of our Lord God 1562, I Johan Wykeclyffe, of St. Nycolas nere Rychemonde, in the countye of Yorke, wydowe,† hole of mynde and good remembrance, do maike and orden my last wyll and testament in maner and forme followynge, that is to say: Fyrst, I bequythe my solle to Almyghtye God, and our Lady St. Marye, and to all the blyssed companye of heaven, and my bodye to be buryed within the paryshe churche of Rychemonde, nere to the place wher my doughter Ascuke‡ was buryed.

* The family of Dodding had raised itself by trade to a position of considerable opulence in Kendal. Some of its members also had a large share in the confiscation of the estates of the northern abbeys. In the 30th of Elizabeth Miles Dodding obtained a grant of the priory of Conishead, in Lancashire, which continued in the possession of his family till it passed with an heiress into the family of Braddyll, towards the close of the seventeenth century.

† The testatrix was the daughter of Robert Jackson of Gatenby, in the parish of Bedale, and married to her first husband Thomas Wray, who had obtained a grant of the hospital of St. Nicholas, near Richmond. She left by him three sons and several daughters. After his death she re-married John Wycliffe of Richmond, an auditor of the issues of the monastic lands in the neighbourhood, and a grandson of Robert Wycliffe of Wycliffe, esq. She survived her second husband also, and seems to have died at a good old age, rich in worldly wealth.

‡ Alice Wray, the daughter of the testatrix, married George Ayscough of Cowling, and was buried in Richmond church on the 22nd of October, 1559.

Item I bequythe for my forthbryngynge, the day of my buryall, xl li. Item I gyve and bequyth to be distributed amongst the poure people of the parishynges of Rychemonde and Bedall, xx li. Item I gyve and bequythe to my sonne Robert Wykeclyffe all my goods and catalls at Aldburghe, and all the corne growynge in the feldes ther. Item I gyve and bequythe to my doughter Anne Gower* my best beades. Item I gyve and bequythe to my doughter Cycyle Harryngton† my second beades. Item I gyve and bequythe to my servant Merjorie Atkynson on cowe, vj. ewes, two hardynsheytes, two blankets, and two happyns. Item I gyve to James Tutynge and Cycyle Anderson vj s. viij d. Item I gyve to my systers in lawe Merjorie and Dorothe Wykeclyffe, to eyther of them, x s. Item I gyve and bequythe vj s. viij d. for ever to be tayke of my lands in Langthorne, laite belongynge to the chauntre of St. Cuthbert, to be yearly distributed to the poure the day of the monethe that I shall chance to be buryed upon, at the discressyon of my executours under wryten. Item I gyve to Sir John Aykerige, prest, on falden sylver spone. Item I gyve to my said sonne Robert Wykclyffe my best sylver salt wythe cover gylt. Item I gyve to my sonne Thomas Wraye‡ my next sylver salt wythe cover. Item I gyve to my said sonne Robert Wykecliffe, and his heirs for ever, all my ryght, tytle, and intrest that I have, or herafter I ought to have, of all my land in or at Crosbye cote. Item I gyve to my sister Metkalfe§ my satten kyrtell, a scarlett pettycote, and on payr of tawny velvet sleves. Item I gyve to my sonne Thomas Wray, and to my doughters Katryn Grene,‖ Merjorie Bowes,‖ and Johan Crosbye,¶ ij°. dousen sylver spones, to be equallye devyded amongst them.

* Anne Wray married Ralph Gower of Richmond, esq., who died in 1567. She was very unhappy in her family, and it must have been a painful thing for Serjeant Wray to convict his nephew of high treason in 1569.

† Cecily Wray married . . . Errington, an alderman of York.

‡ Thomas Wray, the eldest son of the testatrix, married Anne Foster of Smawes, and left by her several children, among whom was Sir William Wray, who settled at Beamish, in the bishoprick of Durham. He resided at the old manor-house of the hospital of St. Nicholas, which he inherited from his father; and in the 15th of Elizabeth, together with Nicholas Metcalfe, obtained a grant of the site, &c., of the Friary in Richmond, which had been forfeited by the treason of his kinsman John Gower. He was buried at the parish church on the 30th of October, 1587.

§ Katherine Jackson, the sister of the testatrix, married Luke Metcalfe of Bedale, by whom she had a very large family. In her own will, dated on the 3rd of May, 1588, she makes her cousin George Jackson of Gatenby gentleman a supervisor, and leaves to her daughter Mary Slinger a bill of debt of 20*l.* of Mr. Thomas Wrey's late of St. Nicholas. Her will, which is extremely interesting, will occur in its proper place.

‖ Katherine Wray married James Greene of Lanmouth, esq. Robert Bowes and Margery Wycliffe were married at Richmond on the 24th of October, 1561.

¶ Jane Wycliffe married John Crosby (son of Richard Crosby, who died in 1559), at Richmond, on the 13th of October, 1562.

Item I gyve to my sonne Robert Wykecliffe my tytle, intrest, and terme of years whiche I have of the Lord Conyers lands in Langthorne. Item I gyve to Adam Wraye* the best cowe but one at Langthorne. Item I gyve to my coussyng Thomas Metkalffe on angell nobyll. Item I gyve to my coussyng Mathew Metkalfe xx s. Item I gyve to my coussynge Marye Bynkes my second velvet purse and one old crowne of golde. Item I gyve to my coussyng Nicolas Metkalffe one old crowne of gold. Item I gyve to my doughter Johan Crosbye my best gyrdell. Item I gyve to Jane Smythe my workday goune, on clothe kyrtell, on old pettycote, on of the kyne at Langthorne, on kyrchyffe, on rayll, a smocke, and a harden aperon. Item I gyve to Christofor Lynenons, in money xx s., a bever, a cote of good clothe, a pair of hose, and a shart. Item I gyve Elizabethe Smythe on ewe. Item I gyve to Robert Browne on bushell of rye. Item I gyve to Leonarde and Antonye my servants, to eyther of them, iij s. iiij d. Item to gyve to Henrye Nelson wyffe my worsted kyrtell. Item I gyve to John Lee wyffe a busshell of rye. Item I gyve to Anne More my worst chamlay kyrtell. Item I gyve to my sonne Thomas Wraye, for th'use of my doughter Elizabeth Aysleybey,† my intrest in y^e^ tyeth at Scruton and my farme at Garryston. Item I gyve to Christofor Lynenons iiij^or^ bushell of berlye. Item I gyve to my sonne Thomas wyffe my lytyll goblet of sylver. Item I gyve to my sonne Leonard Wray my best standynge cuppe of sylver with cover. Item I gyve to two old men and two old women to every of them on black gowne, the daye of my buryall. Item I gyve to my sonne Robert Wykecliffe one fetherbed, on mattres, on bolster, ij. blankets, ij°. payr of sheyts, ij. coverletts, on coverynge, and all other thyngs therto belongynge. Item I gyve to my doughters Katryn, Merjorie, and Johan, to every of them ij°. payr of fyne sheites and on payr of courser. Item I gyve to my doughters Katryne and Johan eyther of them on fetherbed, with all thynges thereto belongynge, and coveryngs for the same. Item I gyve to my doughter Johan vj. quysshynges, that was of hir owne makynge. Item I gyve to my doughter Merjorie on fetherbed, with all thynges therto belongyng, and the best coverynge but on. Item I gyve to my doughter Johan on fyne lynnyng bourd clothe, ij°. damask diaper napkyns, one

* Adam Wraie of Thursbie, by his will, dated on the 30th of November, 1584, leaves to Sir Ralph Wraie, his son, his lands and tenements in Thursbie. He mentions his servant Henry Wraie, his daughters Dorothie, Elizabeth, and Catherine, and his brethren Henry Chatter and George Wraie. Christopher Wraie occurs as a witness.

† Elizabeth Wray married William Aislaby, whose will occurs afterwards. She left by him several children, and was buried at Richmond on the 19th of February, 1586-7.

lynnyng towell, ij. pyllowbers. Item I gyve to my doughter Merjorie one old dyaper tabyllclothe, iiij. dyaper napkyns of the second sort, one lynnyng towell, and ij. pillowbers. Item I gyve to my doughter Grene on dyaper towell the best but one, on lynnyng towell, and ij°. pillowbers. Item I gyve to my sonne Leonard Wraye iij^{or}. chyldren, every of them, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item I gyve to my doughter Aislerbey ij°. chyldren, eyther of them, vj li. xiij s. iiij d., and the same to be in custodye of my doughter Gower for ther uses. Item I gyve to my sonne Robert Wykecliffe my goblett of sylver with cover. Item I gyve to every of my doughter Ascuke iiij^{or} chyldren, lxvj s. viij d. Item I gyve to my doughter Johan Crosby fyrst chyld, yf God send hir one, or els to hir selfe, lxvj s. viij d. Item I gyve to Nycolas Harryngton, lxvj s. viij d. Item I gyve to Katryn and Jane Harryngton, to eyther of them, x s. Item I gyve to my doughter Bowes chylde, lxvj s. viij d. Item I gyve to my doughter Grene chylde, lxvj s. viij d. Item I gyve to my sonne Christofor Wray eldes sonne lxvj s. viij d. Item I gyve to eyther of my said sonne Christofor Wray doughters, x s. Item I gyve to Johan and Roger Gower, to eyther of them, lxvj s. viij d. Item I gyve to my sonne Christofor Wraye* and to my doughter his wyffe to eyther of them an old ryall. Item I gyve to my doughter

* The famous Sir Christopher Wray, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench from 1574 to 1592, who is so justly praised by Lord Campbell "for his profound and judicial knowledge, accompanied with a ready and singular capacity and an admirable patience." He has been generally considered to have been a foundling, and as the doubts of his legitimacy, which originated with Vincent the herald, have been revived by Lord Campbell in his Lives of the Chief Justices, an attempt to wipe away the stain from his escutcheon may not perhaps be out of place. In the first place Vincent is the sole authority for the charge, and his honesty as a herald is generally considered to be very questionable; he was a strict Romanist, and on more than one occasion he has falsified a pedigree to revenge himself upon an opponent in religion. Now he had good reason to be indignant with the Chief Justice, for when serjeant he had been sent down into the North by Elizabeth to prosecute the traitors of 1569. Again, Vincent asserts that he was an illegitimate son of a Wray, vicar of Hornby; now no vicar of that name has been as yet discovered. Lord Campbell cannot surely argue his illegitimacy from the fact, that the pedigree of Wray, in the Visitation of Lincolnshire for 1634, commences with him, for very few pedigrees in any visitation are carried back more than two or three generations; and it is only natural that it should commence with him, as he was the first of the family that settled in Lincolnshire. His Lordship also endeavours to upset the authority of the family genealogy, by saying that if the received pedigree of the Wrays were correct, Sir Christopher would necessarily have quartered the arms of his mother's family, as she is said to have been an heiress; but may it not be extremely probable that so insignificant a family bore no arms whatever? Again, the assertion that she was an heiress is perhaps unfounded, as in the pedigree of the family of Metcalfe the own sister of the testatrix is not so styled, and the male line of the family of Jackson continued in the parish of Bedale for many generations after this time; if this were the case the Wrays could not properly quarter the arms of Jackson, if, indeed, that family possessed any arms at all. Besides all these reasons, when we have additional proofs of his legitimacy in the fact that in the pedigrees of the families of Wray and Wycliffe the testatrix is called the mother of Chief Justice Wray, and when above all she mentions him by name in her own will,

See additional note p. 294.

Harryngton on old ryall. Item I gyve to my sonne Leonard Wray and his wyffe to eyther of them on old ryall. Item I gyve to every of my sonnes in lawe x s. Item I give to my bretheren in lawe, Henrye,* Antonye, and Christofor Wykclyffe, every of them on old angell. Item I gyve to Rychard Bynckes vj s. viij d. Item I gyve to the persons of Richemond and Bedall for my forgotten tythes, to eyther of them, x s. Item I gyve to Sir John Aikerige, preist, vj s. viij d. Item I gyve to Mr. Wylliam Wykclyffe, whom I maike amongst others under wryten on of the supervysors of this my last wyll and testament, on gold rynge for his paynes. Item I gyve to my doughter Grene my best basyng and ewer, my best cobbordclothe, my mantyll, and on payr of fustyan blanckets. Item I gyve to my doughter Bowes one of my newest kettells and one other kettell of the second sorte. Item I gyve to my doughter Johan Crosbye my lease, intrest, and terme of years of the tythe of Langthorne, yf she so long lyve, and yf yt chance hir to dye, or the said lease be exspired, then the saime to come to my sonne Thomas Wraye. Item I gyve my purchessed land in Langthorne to my sonne Robert Wykeclyff and his heirs for ever, payng therfor yearly to my executors vj s. viij d. for suche use as is before declared. Item I wyll that my sayd sonne Robert Wykeclyffe shall have all my plew gere at Langthorne and the corne of the grownd ther, as yt shall happyn to be praysed, yf he wyll. Item I gyve to my doughter Johan Crosby my best counterpaynt of carpet worke, that she did helpe to maike hir selfe. Item I gyve to my doughters Katryn and Merjorye eyther of them on other counterpaynt. Item I gyve to my sonne Leonard wyffe my best gowne. Item I gyve to Wylliam Wylliamson wyffe, goldsmythe, my best tawny chamlet kyrtell. Item I gyve to my sonne Thomas Wraye my lease and intrest of the aftercroppe of St. Nycolas feld. Item I wyll that my doughter Gower have the distribution of all my apperrell at hir discressyon. Item I wyll that my welbeloved sonne Christofor Wray shall have the orderynge and custodye of Katryn Harryngton and hir chyldes portyon, yf my doughter Cycyle Harryngton do marrye, or by meane of any other occasyon or consyderatyon. The supervisors of this my last wyll and testament, over and besydes Mr. Wylliam Wykeclyffe above named, I do maik and order my welbeloved sonne Christofor Wraye, my

we may safely conclude that he was no adopted foundling. He owed his advancement to high estate to his own abilities alone, for his mother could give but a scanty portion to the nestling of her family.

* "Henrie Wiclife of Kirkbie nyghe Fletham, gentilman," by will dated 19 April, 25 Eliz. bequeaths to Chr. Wycliffe, his base son, the land he purchased of Cotomcote *alias* Crosbiecote, and mentions his said son and Margaret his wife, his brother Chr. Wycliffe, and his brother-in-law John Thompson.

brother in lawe Henrye Wykeclyffe, my sonne in lawe John Crosbye, and Cuthbert Strangwyse, and I gyve and bequythe to every of them for ther paynes xl s. The resydew of all my goods movable and not movable not bequested, my debts and funeralls payed and discharged, I gyve to my sonne Thomas Wray and my sonne Robert Wykeclyffe, whom I do maike and orden to be my executors, to disspose at ther discressyon, thes beyng wyttnesses, Sir John Aykerige, prest, Richard Byncke, John Crosbye, and other mo. [Prob. 1562.]

Verum Inventorium bonorum mobilium et immobilium, quæ fuerunt Johannæ Wykeclyf, de Hospitali Sancti Nicholai juxta Richmond, viduæ, nuper defunctæ, tempore appretiationis mortis suæ [per] hosce quatuor viros fide dignos, Richardum Swale, Thomam Wyllons, Leonerdum Rude, et Thomam Chaiter.

Inprimis on long table carved with a counterpayne of carpett worke, xxvj s. viij d. One table with a counter payne, v s. Tow carved copbords, xx s. One long settle, v s. iij. quisyngs of tapestry, ij s. One long fyrme and tow lytle firmes, and a bofett stole of joyner worke, iij s. iiij d. iij. chayres, xvj d. A copbord cloith of linyne with white fringe, vj d. Sex Flander candelstykes, vj s. ij. flowerd candelstykes and thre beld candelstykes, v s. One latten laver, and ij. lattin bassins, one pounsed and iiij. other playne, iij s. iiij d. One chawfin dyshe, xvj d. One eure and a basine of puwder, ij s. vj d. One pottell pote of powder, xx d. ij. covers of poyder, xx d. ij. poyder doblers, xiij s. iiij d. viij. poyder saucers, ij s. A brasell morter and a pestell, v s. A payre of gallas of trone (*sic*) and sex hokekes, iij s. iiij d. Inprimis one fedder bede and a mattres, xx s. ij. blankets, iij s. A happin of whyte and blake warke, xvj d. One bede coveringe of aries worke, viij s. One ryde covering, xx d. One bolster and iij. codds, v s. One tryndyll bede with a mattres, ij s. iiij. fuschine codds, xx d. One happine of blake and yelow, xij d. iij. firmes of carpinter worke, ij s. One greate cheste, ij s. One . . . settel, ij s. One payre of tongs, vj d. iij. chaires, ij s. vj d. A bofett stole, iiij d. One cubburd, vj s. viij d. One basine and one ewer of po3der, v s. ij. lytle candelstykes of tyne, viij d. One counter and ij. trystles, iij s. iiij d. One fyrme, iiij d. One over-sea covering, v s. One twylt for a bede, of yelow and blew, iiij s. x. carpett quishings, v s. iij. quishings of aryes work, xviij d. Hangings of red and grene sey, viij s. One fether bede with a matres, vj s. viij d. One bolster and ij. pyllewes, xvj d. ij. blankekets, xvj d. A twylt of ryde and yelow, xij d. One coverlett of whyte and grene, xvj d. One covering of aryes of whyte and

grene, xij d. A bofett stole, iiij d. One fyrme, ij d. Hangings in the chamber of rede bukerum and yelowe, ij s. *Inprimis* a standing bede, xx s. A fether bede and ij. mattres, xvj s. ij. blanketts, xvj d. A happine of whyte and blak, xvj d. One pyllow, xij d. One over-sea covering, iiij s. One trindell bede and a mattres, xij d. ij. coverletts, xiij d. Hangings of the bede of ryde and greene say, with fringe, ij s. vj d. One cupbord, xiij s. iiij d. ij. Flander chysts and one other chiste, x s. One counter of joynyng work, vj s. viij d. One long settle, ij s. vj d. ij. chaires, ij s. One desk, xviij d. A payre of tongs, iij d. One cape cayse, iiij d. One greate fyrme of foryng worke and one lytle fyrme, xx d. *Hangings*. Hangyngs about the parler, of rede and grene say, v s. A buffit stole, iiij d. ij. fote fyrmes, vj d. One table clothe of aryes, xij d. ij. happings, one bed, ij s. One coverlit, xij d. One bolster, vj d. One standinge bedd with sertaine hangyngs of yelow and grene saye, viij d. One fether bed and a matres, xviij s. One bolster and iij. cods, ij s. ij. blankets, iij s. iiij d. One coverlit, xix d. One overse covering, x s. One mattres, one fether bedd, xx s. One blanket, xx d. One coverlet, xij d. One standing bed with curtings of dornyxe, viij s. One matteris and a fether bedd a boilster, xx s., xxx s. iij d. ij. blankets, ij s. vj d. ij. coverletts, iiij s. One covering, xvj d. One trindle bede, xvj d. One coverlett, ij s. One bolster and code, ij s. vj d. One pyle, vj s. viij d. Within the same pyle one bolster, ij s. vj d. iiij. codds, one blew codd, iij s. iiij d. One coverlett of lyste lyned with fure, viij d. vij. carpett quyshings, vj s. viij. coverletts, xx s. vij. blanketts, xiij s. iiij d. One cupbord with a cupbord cloith of lynene, vj s. viij d. One counter with a counter cloith, vj s. viij d. iij. fyrmes, viij d. iij. buffet stoles, xij d. One chare, viij d. A payre of tongs, iiij d. Hangings aboute the same chamber, of yelow and rede, x s. ij. standing bedds with fyllinges, v s. ij. mattresses, one fether bede, vj s. viij d. iij. blankets, ij s. vj d. ij. bolsters and a code, ij s. vj d. iiij. coverletts, vj s. viij d. ij. firmes, vj d. Low bede, xij d. One fether bede and a matres, xiij s. One bolster, iiij. codds, vj s. ij. blanketts, iij s. ij. coverletts, iij s. iiij d. One covering of tappester, xij d. One rede mantell, viij d. One counter, ij s. One counter cloith of dornex, ij s. One cupbord, iij s. A cupbord cloith of lynene, xij d. One long setle, v s. One loong fyrme, iiij d. One chyst, iij s. Hangings aboute the chamber of paynted worke, vj s. viij d. ij. bȝ groits, xvj s. One cupbord, v s. One arke, vj s. viij d. ij. tresles, iiij s. One borde, viij d. xxvj. platers of poȝder, xl s. One amer, xxj. puder dyshes, xx s. iiij. basings and a charder of poȝder, vj s. viij d. One lattine basyne, vj d. ij. plates, xij d. One lytle brasyne morter and a pestell,

xij d. ij lytle tyne potts and a chamber pote, xx d. One tyne bottell, xij d. vj. potychars, ij s. One standing dyshe of poȝder for apples, viij d. One greate grayte, iiij d. One gynger breade tempes, vj d. xij drynkeing potts, one salte seller of poȝder, xvj d. xx potingers, iij s. vj. puther dyshes, iij s. xviij. puther sawcers, viij s. One awmerye, iiij s. v. beare barrels, v s. ij. standes, vj s. One gyle fatte, ij s. ij. settles, viij d. . . . . One dosing playte trenchors, vj s. vj. setles, iiij d. One bottill of wood, iiij d. One letill barrell for verges, ij d. ij. cases of wood trenchores, viij d. ij. dos. trencheres, ij d. A cawle, xij d. Two bourds, vj d. A chare and a buffett stowle, viij d. A troughe, vj d. ij. kawderones xxiiij s. v. kettilles, xx s. A grett pane, vj s. viij d. vj potts, xx s. One litill pott and one posnet, ij s. iij. old panes and one start pane, iij s. One chafer, xx d. iij. cryscetts and one fryen pan, iiij s. One brulinge iron, viij d. One paire of pryckes, iiij d. ij. lating scomeres, viij d. ij. lating ladilles, xij d. A pare of tongs and a scomer, xvj d. ij. racon crockes, xij d. ij. chopinge knyves, vj d. vij. spetts, v s. ij. pare of cobirones, iiij s. iiij. skayles, viij d. One say and a tubbe, iiij d. iij. wood dobleres, j d. One lead, vj s. ij. mask-fatts, ij s. vj d. One bowting tube, vj d. One moilding trough, xij d. One other tub, vj d. One branddrithe, xij d. A pele and a cole rack, iiij d. ij. tempes and a seve, ij d. A ale stand, j d. iij. bourds, iiij d. ij. wynding clothes, vij d. . . . . One grette tube, iij s. xij. boilles, xvj d. ij. bords, xij d. One grett kytt with butter in it, xiij s. iiij d. iij. mawnds and a hopper, iiij d. iij. bords, iiij d. ij. potts, j d. One standing bed, iiij d. One showill and one gymley, xij d. viij. bourds, xij d. xxiij. chess, xiij s. iiij d. xj. trysles, iiij. fyrmes, and one showle, xvj d. One kylne hayre, v s. ij qr. ij bȝ. barle malt, xlv s. iij. trass, iij d. One pare of waine roppes, viij d. iiij. leases, v s. vj. oxen, viij li. xj. kye with theyr callfes, xvj li. x s. vj. hand mylke kye and a bull, vij li. xvj s. v. score and xviij. wethers and tuppes, xv li. iiij^{xx}. and xviij. yowes and one tuppe, xj li. xiij s. iiij d. vij. sowes, one hogge, and a bore pyge, xlvj s. viij d. Thre-score and xij. lambs, vj li. ij. meares and ij. colt stags, iij li. x s. One iron-bounde wayne with iij. yoks, iij. temes, one waine body and sertaine plewe gere and waine gere and one iron-bounde waine, xl s. xiiij. kyrchyffs, xij. railles, xiij. cappe-clothes, iij. smoks, iij. apperones, v. necke-clothes, iij. pare ruffs, iij li. ij. pare of velvit foresleves, one sylke hatt, a whit cape, ij. velvit purses, one tafytaie purse, xx s. xv. doble ducketts, ij. angelles, one soveringe, one old ryall, one Franche crowne, one creusade, xiij li. vij s. One gyrdle, with one head and one pendant, seven peces of sylver gylt, one ball and a chyne, xlij s. One pare of sylver bedds with gawdes gylt, iij oz. d.

xv s. ij d. One pare of currell bedds with xlv. gawdes of sylver bedds, xij s. A gold ringe, a quartron and a half, xx s. One pare of gyltyd sylver crocks with other sertaine peces of sylver v. ounces, et d. quart., xx s. vj d. One sylver salt gyltid, with one cover, weing xj. ounces, lviij s. viij d. One silver salt parcel gylt, with a cover, weing xiij ounces, iij li. viij d. One sylver boill with a cover parcell gylt, weing xxiij. ounces, vij li. x s. . . . . one cuppe of sylver . . . . with a cover parcel gylt vj. ounces, and qr. xxviij s. j d. xxiij. sylver spones, weing xxiiij. ounces and dim, v li. viij s. xxiij. pare of lyne shetts, x li. xxj. lyne pylloberes, xxx s. ij. table clothes of dyaper, xxvj s. viij d. iiij. damask dyaper napkings, iiij s. One towel of damask diaper, v s. ix. diaper napkings, iiij s. vj d. One towall dyaper, ij s. iiij. lyne table clothes, viij s. xv. ling towelles, xv s. xv. lyng napkings, iiij s. iij. gownes gardid with wellvit, x li. ij. gownes edgyd with coney, xvj s. One blak satten kyrtill, xiij s. iiij d. One tawny damask kyrtill gardid with velvit, xiij s. iiij d. ij. chamlett kyrttiles and one worstyd kyrtill, xiij s. iiij d. One red petycott, x s. x. pare harden shetts, xx s. iiij. pare sameron shetts, xx s. hand towelles of harden, viij d. ix. table clothes of harden, x s. In woll xxx. stoin, vij li. One stacke of hay, xl s. One iron bounde waine, with iron bounde wheles, and all other things that belong for vj. oxen, xxx s. vj. oxen, vij li. vj s. viij d. iiij. ky, iij li. xiij s. iiij. xx. ewes, xlvj s. viij d. x lames, xj s. viij d. v. aker of hard corne, iij li. xiij s. iiij d. In barle and otts, vij. aker, iij li. ij. meares, xl s. ij. kyne, xl s. xix. ewes xl s. xvj. lames, xvij. s. viij. oxen, x li. One waine with iron bounde wheles, one coupe, one plewe and gere for viij. oxen, xl s. vij. stotts and xv. other yonge cattell, xv li. Soma cc.lxiiij li. xvj s. ij d.

Debita quæ debentur testatori. Inprimis Henry Wyckeclyf, Robert Wyckecliff and Robert Bowes xix li. John Clerkson vij s. George Gryswhait xxx s. Tailbusk of Whaseton, iij li. vj s. viij d. William Smythe buttcher, xxvj s. viij d. Soma totalis, cc.xc li. vj s. vj d.

Debita quæ debet. Inprimis Rawlff Gower xxxv li. xiij s. viij d. Thomas Wray lxvj li. x s. iiij d. John Crosbie viij li. xij s. iiij d. Robert Wyckeclyf xv li. vij s. iiij d. Leonard for his waige, xxxvj s. Meargeri Atkingson xvj s. Clapame, ij s. Thomas Willance xxij s. iiij d. George Sygswycke vj s. Rawlff Akericke and Mr. Woddall xx s. Christofer Wray (*blank*). And for funerall expences xxviij li. Soma c.lix li. vj s. And so remanythe c.xxxj li. vj d.

CXXXVI. RADULPHI CLEISBYE TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 7 December 1562. I Rauf Cleysbye of Thirnetoft, gentilman,* seyke in bodye and hole in mynde — my bodye to be buried in the parishe churche of Scruton and all dewties to be paid for my funerall according to the anncyent custome ther. Also I bequythe to my sone Thomas Cleisbye twentie pounds. And to my doughter Agnes Cleisbye twentie pounds. And if John Cleisbie of Cleisbye† will marye my said doughter Agnes, then I geve to her one hundreth marks. And if he do not marie her then she shall have but the xx li. before specified. Also I give to my doughter Dorothe‡ ten pounds. Item I give to Jane Spence one frocke that lieth in a chist at Cleysbye. Also I give to Richard Swaile§ one blacke gelding that goeth in Hornebye parcke. Also I give to my son Umfray twelf silver spones, one silver salt, one silver bowle with one cover, and one pece without a cover, to hym and to his heares. And in defalt of heires of his bodye, the said plait to remayne to my sone Thomas and his heires. And in defalt of heires of his bodye then the said plaite to remayne to my doughter Agnes and her heires for ever. Also I give to Jane Spence one braislet of golde with seven peces of gold uppon yt that lieth in a chist at Cleisbye. Item to Richard Gaterd one cowe and to Rauf Morland one cowe with a calf. And to Robert Kirkbye one whye and fyve gymmer hoggs. And also I give to the said Jane Spence one fether bedd and things perteyning to yt. Also I give one clock to the churche of Scruton. Item I give to Roger Spence half of my apparrell. Forthermore I maike my sone Umfray Cleisbye my hole executor. And I will that he have the lease of my farmhold wth thappurtenances therto belonging when he commith to lauful age, that is to

* Ralph Cleasby was a gentleman of the household of Henry VIII., and obtained from his master a lease of the site and demesnes of the Priory of Ellerton, near Richmond, with which place his family had an hereditary connection. His brother John Cleasby was his tenant at Ellerton, and died there in 1554. The testator, who during some part of his life seems to have been engaged in some foreign service, returned home to end his days in peace, and his inventory, which contains all the miscellaneous wardrobe of an ancient courtier, is extremely interesting.

† Son of Leonard Cleasby of Cleasby, and under age at the time of his father's death in 1550. His father, by his will, desires his brother Arthur Cleasby to redeem the wardship and marriage of his son and to keep him at school. He makes Ralph Cleasby and William Cleasby, clerk, his supervisors.

‡ An illegitimate daughter of the testator. In her will, dated 20 February, 1578, she styles herself "Dorithe Cleisbye *alias* Johnson, doughter of Elizabeth Applebye of Newton Morell." She directs herself to be buried at St. Mary's Barton, and leaves to her mother the 10*l.* which her late father Ralph Cleasby left her, which remains in the hands of Humphrey Cleasby of Richmond, merchant.

§ Of Easby. His will and other notices of him will be given hereafter.

say at the age of xxj. yeres. Supervisors, John Rudd and Thos. Garthe, and they to be guardians of my son Umfray and kepe his goods and fermehold to his comoditie, proffett, and behof till he come to the yeres above namyd. Witnesses hereof, Leonard Rudd, Christopher Swaile, John Swires, Richard Kirkbye with other moo — [Prob. 2 March 1562.] (*)

INVENTORY 22 December 1562 (*inter alia*). One mare with a fole, one trotting mare and three naggs, v li. One old rackynge nagg, xx s. Cattle and corne, c.xix li. xiiij s. viij d. *In the lawe parlor.* Towe land yrons, ij s. One longe sworde, iiij s. One buckler sword, xvj d. One tester with courtaynes of yallowe and reade wollen, iij s. iiij d. Towe peces of hangings of the same, iij s. iiij d. Sum v li. vij s. x d. One sleveles coote of russells, furred with whyte lambe, xvj d. Towe pair of hose, ij s. One old satten dublet, ij s. One dublet of sackclothe, iij s. One night-gowne of frees, furred with whyte lambe, iij s. iiij d. One gowne of russells, furred with conie, v s. One gowne of London clothe, furred with conie, x s. One gowne of freese, furred with conye, iij s. One clocke of London clothe, iij s. One old cloke, xij d. One sleveles coote of frees, xij d. One newe coote of frees, iij s. iiij d. One sleveles coote of London clothe, xij d. One crosbowe, ij s. One coote of fyne puke, iiij s. One cloke bagge, xij d. One arminge sword, xij d. Towe gardivrance, x s. One sleveles coote of black velvett, xiij s. iiij d. One gowne of blacke damaske, garded with velvet and furred with budge, xxvj s. viij d. One gowne of fyne puke, garded with velvet and furred with budge, xxvj s. viiij d. One sleveles coote of damaske, iij s. One capp of velvett, iij s. One hatt of velvet, xvj d. *The chamber over the parlor.* Sum viij li. ij s. ij d. *The milke house. The haule.* v. kyllinge fyshe, ij s. vj d. One skreene, xij d. *The east lofte. The oxe howse. The chappell. The milne. The lowe chamber. The east chamber.* One jacke, iij s. iiij d. Towe gawneletts, iiij d. One Latten primer and one Frenche booke, xij d. *The buterie.* One restinge plaite, xvj d. *The kytchen.*

An INVENTARIE of all his goods remayning at CLEASBIE praised — the xxiij of Februarie, anno domini 1562.

Inprimis one gardivrance. Towe chests, v s. One silver boule with a cover, v li. One litle pece of silver, xxviiij s. One braselett of viij. peces of gould, iij li. iiij s. One bruche of gold, xl s. ij. gret peces of golde, iiij li. iij. litle peces of gold, ix s. ix d. One half crowne and a quartrone of a crowne, iij s. ix d. One wedding ring of gould, xx s. iij. litle rings with stones, xviij s. One frocke of blacke pewke garded with velvett, iij li. xliiij. slipps and fyve testers, ix s. iiij. old peces of ij d. viij d. One crowne of silver, v s. iij. peces of silver of half a crowne y^e^ pece,

vij s. vj d. One fether bedd tecke, x s. One blacke capp, xx d. One silver ringe, iiij d. ij. paire of sheetes, xviij s. One odd sheete, ij s. ij. railes, xvj d. One handkircheife, ij d. One aparon, iiij d. One codd of downe, xx d. xij. silver spones, iiij li. xvj s. One salt of silver gilt, lvj s. Summa, xxxij li. iij s. ij d. Summa totalis, c.lxxvij li. iij s. ix d. *Detts which the said Rauphe Cleasbie dothe owe.* Inprimis, to M^ris^ Cleasbie of Cleasbie, wydowe, for the reperell of Umfraie Cleasbie, xvij s. To the said M^ris^ Cleasbie for x bushells of wheate, iij li. To M^r^ Richard Swaile, for the bourd of Anna Cleasbie for a yeare and an half, iij li. For the bourde of Umfraie Cleasbie, to Maland wyfe for xxv weeks, xxix s. ij s. Summa, viij li. vj s. ij d.

CXXXVII. MARGATE BRABANE.

July 2, 1563. I Margate Brabane, the late wyff of George Brabane of Selsaid, in y^e^ parischeinge of Kyrkby in Kendall,* being old, feable, sike, and evill at easse in my bodye, neverthelesse holl, perfite, and in good remembrannce, thanks be to God, doith constitute, ordene, and maks herin conteyned my laste will and testament. Firste, and moiste principallye, I gyve and beqweth my soull unto God Allmyghtye, my creator and redemer, in whome and by whousse blessed passion is my suare and steadfaste beleve for to have cleane remission and forgevenesse of all my synns and wickednesse y^t^ ever I have committed and done, sence firste y^t^ I entered into this wriched worlde, and my ville bodye to be sepulted and buryed in my parische churche yerde of Kyrkeby in Kendall, nere where my husbande was buryed — and it is my mynde and will y^t^ my forsaid sone Robart shall have twentye of my scheppe, for to deall y^e^ seconde daye of November everye yere one scheppe to poore folke, so longe as God puteth him in y^t^ good mynde and remembrance of his father soull and myne: and it is my mynde and will y^t^ my forsaid sone Robart shall amende y^e^ cloiths of y^e^ geste bede with y^e^ woolle of y^e^ said scheppe, at his awn mynde and conscience. — Item it is my mynde and will y^t^ Robart Braban, Edward and Thomas Braban, my thre natural sonns, and their meanye, shalbe fownden meate and drynke sufficentlye frome y^e^ day of my death unto y^e^ firste day of Maye next after my said death, accordinge as they were founden in my dayes, and their goods y^t^ I have beqweth to be fownden frome my said deth unto y^e^ forsaid day of May, y^t^ is to wett, to straye

* George Braban of "Selsaid," in his will, dated 4 February, 1556, mentions his wife Margaret and his three sons Robert, Edward, and William Braban. The will of his widow is extremely curious in its bequests and phraseology.

and haye as yf I were alyve, and it is also my mynde and will yt Robart Braban and Edwarde, my two naturall sonns, shall have so myche of my corne as will sawe them so miche gronde as I was wonte to sawe in a yere, yt they may sawe it in the next yere after my death. Item it is also my mynde yt my sone Thomas Braban shall have as muche of my corne as will sawe hym fowr acres, and all ye reiste of all my said corne boith begge, haffer meall, molte and grotts, remaynnynge frome ye said housse keppinge and frome ye said seide corne at ye said Mayday next after my death, for to be eqwallye devided amongeste my thre naturall sonns, yt is to wett, Robart, Edwarde, and Thomas, at syght of my supervisors — my son Robert and his wife — Herre Braban ye sone of Robert Braban — John and William Braban sons of Edward Braban — George, Robert and Nicholas sons of Wm. Braban — Janate Mowsome my natural daughter. —

CXXXVIII. JOHN ANDREWE TESTAMENT, PRESTE, LATE VICAR OF MELLINGE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In the yeare of Lord God 1563, and upon ye xvij. of Octobre, I Syr Jhon Andrew, vicar of Mellynge, seke in bodye, nevertheless hole and perfecte of remembrance, thanks be to God, makethe this my laste wyll and testament in maner and forme folowynge. Fyrst I bequethe my soule to ye mercye of Almightye Godd, and to the merytts of Jhesus Chrystes passyon, and my bodye to be buryed in ye southe syde of ye chansell in the churche of Mellynge, yff yt shall please God yt I shall departe of this myne infirmetye and seknes. Also it is my wyll to be honestlye brought to the grounde ye daye of my buryall: Fyrst it is my wyll yt everye preast have xij d. and evere scoler j d. Also I gyve to ye mendinge of ye churche wall by the hyghe way syde xx s., if so be they will maike it with lyme and sande, or ells to put it to some other good use, as ye churche wardens shall thinke it moost meit. Also I gyve and bequethe unto Ellyn Edmondsone one whye with calfe. Also I gyve to Jhon Andrew, yt is in London, xx s., and I will yt Thomas Andrew, my brother's sone, have halfe ye croope of my shepe the next yeare. Also I wyll that Christofer Watter have his halfe yeare wage, yt is x s., and also I give him other x s. Also I gyve to Elsabethe Procter my servante hir hole yeare wage. Also I gyve to Sir George Holme his hole yeares wage, and moreover I gyve him my amlande mere and my beste cloke, and all ye offrynge monye ye whiche was dew unto me at ye nativite of Sancte Jhon Baptyst last past, and also at ye feaste of

Sancte Mychaell y^e^ Arckangell last past, and I gyve unto Sir George all my books but my Laten byble. Also I put y^e^ boye, y^t^ I have brought upp, to Jhames Redman and to Margret his wyfe, desyrying theme to bringe him upp . . . he be liable to put to an occupation. And I will y^t^ Jhames Redman and Margrete his wyfe shall gyve him, whan he commethe to y^e^ age of xx. yeares, xl s.; all my debts, bequedds, expences, and funeralls discharged, the rest of goods y^t^ levethe over and besydes, I bequethe them to Jhames Redman and his wyfe, whome I make my whole and sole executoures. And I desyre mayster Rycharde Redman, of Gyrssingam, and maister Thomas Morte and Sir George Holme to be supervisoures of this my will and testament, to see y^t^ it be performed and kepte to the pleasure of God and the healthe of my soule, and I gyve to maister Redman, for his paynes takynge, x s., and to Mr. Morte x s. In wytnesse hereof George Holme preaste, Wylliam Thorntone, Jhon Byrcher, Marmaducke Hogdsone, and Jhon Scamleer. [Prob. 31 Oct. 1563, before Thomas Bland, clerk, dean of Lonesdall.]

CXXXIX. MATHEW DIXON DE BRANTFELL, PAROCHIÆ WYRANDMYR.*

INVENTORY, November 18, 1563. A gyrdle, a brandrett, a speitt, and a trippett, vij s. — a sucke, a cowter, foure yoikes for oxen, a forttwydie, a tugwydie, ij. par of torthwydies, and a iren dugge, vj s. viij d. j. bassyn, a kneadinge tube, iij. collecks, a wynnocke, ij. stands, a churne, a fleshe collecke, a kneadinge bassyn, a knoppe, a gielfatte, a backbourde, and ij. wode dublerrs, v s. j d. — a lade sadle, ij. girths, a halter, and a wantow bodome, xx d. — a peatte spade and a flainge spade, viij d. — iij. stone of woell and a halffe and halffe a sairtlett, xix s. iiij d. ij. harrowes and iij. parr of hotts, xviij d. iij. spelks and iij. carres, xix d. In peatts, iiij s. ij d. Burning brakens. ij. calve skyns and a sheippe skyne, x d. xx. bourds in y^e^ loffte and xxj. bourds in y^e^ bowre, iij s. iiij d. Bedstocks and a skonce, xij d. iiij^or^. posts and iiij^or^. barrs for a par of stodles, vj d. ij. leasse, xij d. William Dixon, baylye, doith owe unto me for seede corne, y^t^ I did take unto hym, xiij s. iiij d. I owe unto Sir John Dixon, vj s. viij d. Unto Mr. Parsone, for tende woell and lambe, iiij s. v d. ob.

* The following extracts from the inventory of a yeoman of Brantfell abound with valuable local words.

CXL. JOHANNIS FRANCKE TESTAMENTUM.

December 13, 1563. I John Francke of Myddleton Tyas, in the countie of Yorke, gent.* — committ my bodey to be buried at the west ende of the parishe churche of Myddleton Tias afforesaid, nighe unto the place whear my wiff bodye was buried. — to everye one of my thre doughters, x s. — to everye one of their children, vj s. viij d. — to the pore people of this parishe, viij s. — to the pore people of Barton, iij s. iiij d. — to the pore people of Melsonbye, iij s. iiij d. — to maister Vicar my curate, in the discharge of tithes and oblacions negligentlie forgotten, iij s. iiij d. The resydew — to Richard Robynson and Christofer Parker my sonnes in the lawe, whome I maike myne hole executors. Witnesses hereof, Thomas Smythson clerke, Robert Hall, Anthony Hartley, and Leonard Robynson, with other moo. [Prob. Feb. 1563.] (*)

CXLI. THOMAS MYDDELTON OF WESTE APPELGARTHE, GENTYLMAN.

This INVITORIE indentede and mayde the xviijth daye of Aprill, in the sext yere of the reine of owr soveraine laydie Ellezebethe, by the gracce of God Quene of Ynglande, Frannce, and Irelande, deffensor of the faythe, &c., of all the goods and cattalls moveable and unmoveable playte and juells of Thomas Myddelton, layte of Weste Appelgarthe, decessede, within the countie of Yorcke, gentylman,‡ veuede and praysede the daye and yere abovesayde by Rauland Huschenson, Thomas Huschenson and Christoffor Geffrayson, and Rycharde Huschenson, within the abovesayd countie, yowmen.

Inprimis *in the halle* a table, a cubborde, ij. chayres, ij. buffet formes, and a carpett, xx s. — Item a playte for royestynge appells on, price viij d. — a hangar to laye chesses on, price xij d.

* The testator, in all probability, was a younger son of the family of Franke of Kneton. Like many other younger children he seems to have been left almost portionless, and, though he still retained the name of gentleman, his inventory proves him to have been in the lowest rank of life.

† A younger son of Geoffrey Middleton of Middleton Hall, esq. He had been in the service of the Marquess of Northampton, who had given him, as a reward for his faithful service, a lease of West Applegarth, near Richmond. He married Katherine, the fourth daughter of William Conyers of Marske, esq., who died in 1569, and was buried in Marske church. In his will, dated on the 25th of March, 1564, he mentions Katherine his wife, and John, George, Francis, Geoffrey, Alice, Ellen, Margaret, and Isabel, his children; his son John was under 15. He makes his cousin Francis Tunstall of Thurland Castle, John Sayer of Worsall, his brother John Middleton of Middleton Hall, esquires, and his nephew Chr. Middleton, his son and heir apparent, his supervisors. His brother John is a witness of the will.

— *In the chamber over parlor.* — a nolde coverynge of tappestrie lyned with canves, price v s. A standdinge bede, with a tester of black and yowlow panted, price xij s. *In the parlor.* A tester of blacke damaske and yowlowe sattane in brygges, price xx s. A table and a carpet upon yt, price liij s. iiij d. — vj. qwessyngs of carpet warcke, price vj s. — ij. paynted lether quysshyngs, price ij. s. — halfe a dosene lyne napkyngs markede with black, price v s. iiij d. — vj. curtens of lyne and frynges, viij s. — playte wayed in the sayd chamber, a standinge cupe of xxxviij. ounces, price ix li. x s. A sylver salte parsell gylte of viij. ounces and a d. ounce, price xxxiiij s. A lytell sylver salte of iij. ounces, price xij s. A sylver pot with a covar of v. ounces, price xx s. A sylver boulle of vij. ounces, price xxviij s. A sylver boulle with a stare in y^e^ bottome of vij. ounces, price xxviij s. A nolde peacce of sylver of iij. ounces and a d. ounce, price xiiij s. A lytell sylver peacce of iij. ounces, price xij s. x. sylver sponnes of x. ounces, price xxxvj s. *His shappinge apparell.* A yowlowe sattane dublet and a pare of housse, with yowlowe sattane bryches, price iij li. A steylle cotte, price xx s. A rede taffetaye dublet and a payre of housse, with cremysene velvet bryches, price xx s. A blacke velvet cotte and a blacke velvet dublet, price liij s. iiij d. A cremysene velvet cotte of clothe of golde, price iij li. vj s. viij d. A shorte clothe goune, price xx s. *Quycke goods.* A graye geldyng, price liij s. iiij d. — a baye mere, price xxxiij s. iiij d. A frayned graye mere, price xiij s. iiij d. A colte y^t^ was of great graye mere, price xiij s. iiij d. xv. hande mylke kye, price xvj li. xv s. — baye cutt . . . price xv s. Back cut . . . price x s. A yonge dappell graye nagke, price xlvj s. viij d. A yonge black horsse, price xl s. A yonge gled-coloured, price xl s. A graye mere with a whyte mane and a whyt tayll, price xxxiij s. iiij d. A nolde graye mere, price xxiij s. iiij d. — *At Stonesdelle.* — ij. fylles a dappell graye and a sowre baye, price iij li. vj s. viij d. *Goods at Cantlaye in Sedbarge. Corne at tende barnes Hutton and Manshar.* Summa totalis Cccc.lvij li. xviij s. ix d.

CXLII. THOMAS PREMYTT, PRESTE.

Jan. 24, 1564. I Thomas Premytt,* preste — commytte my soule unto Almightie God, our Ladie Sancte Mary, and all y^e^

* A valuable will of a Lancashire clergyman in the early part of the reign of Elizabeth. It is rather strange to find a bequest to the light of St. Nicholas in Lancaster church at that time. The progress of the Reformation in the north seems to have been far more gradual than is generally imagined.

holy companye of heaven, and my bodye to be buryed in y^e^ parrysshe churche of Litham. Item I bequeath to y^e^ said churche of Litham, iij s. iiij d. Item I gyve and bequethe a pare of sheets, two blaketts, two coverletts, and a bolstre, towarde oon almes bedde to be ordrede as pleaseth my executor. Item to Sir George Lorymer a velvet cappe, a tippet ferred with blayke conye. Item a prist cappe. Item I bequeth to olde maystres Cliftonn a crone in golde. Item I bequeth to three childre of Edwarde Huttesonn all my gowne, save one. Item I bequeth to Robart Huttsonn, sonn of y^e^ said Edward Huttsonn, v li., and a blewe say dublett. Item I bequeth to Thomas Rogerley, my godsonn, a blewe worsted jacked and a blewe wursted doblett. Item I bequethe to Elynor Rogerley my best shorte gowne, to make her a gowne. Item I bequeth xl s. to be distributed and bestowed y^e^ daie of my buryall, at the disposicion and discrecion of my executor. Item I bequethe xx s. to bye lynnen and wolen clothe towards clothinge poore foolks, at y^e^ sighte and mynde of myne executor. Item I give to Thurstann Wholey a henger and a newe testamente.* Item I gyve to everye servante in the howse iiij d. Item I bequethe to y^e^ lighte of Sanct Nicolas in Lancastre churche ij s. The resydue — I wholye gyve and bequethe to George Rogerley and his wiffe; and of this my present testament I make and ordeyne y^e^ said George Rogerley myne executor, and of y^e^ executyon of y^e^ same I make and orden the said George Rogerley overseer. — Theis witnesses, George Rogerley, George Lorymer, and Thurston Whaley, with others. Item I gyve to Roberte Huttsonne my best hatte. Item I bequeth to Kirkham Kirks my sirples.

INVENTORIUM — Thomæ Premit, presbiteri, qui obiit decimo nono die Julii, anno Domini M°.ccccc.lxiiij°, anno regni Elizabethæ sexto.

Inprimis in beddinge, viij s. Item raymente perteyninge to his body, xl s. A woode knyffe, xij d. One crowne in gode. Fyve ponds. xl s. xx s. vij s. geven to servants. ij s. iij s. iiij d.

CXLIII. MYCHAELL CLERKSON TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The seventh daie of Novembre, in the yere of our Lord God 1564, I Michaell Clerkson of Easby, clerke — my bodie to be burued within y^e^ parish churche of Easby aforesaid, in the quere. Also I will and bequith unto every preist of Richmond that shal be present at my said buruall, iiij d.

* A stout son, no doubt, of the church militant. The sword and the bible again!

a pece, and to all children y^{t} doth sing in the quere at my said buruall with surplesses, ij d. a pece, and to every poore body ob. And also I will and bequith unto Sir John Acrigge of Richmond preist, v s. — Item I will and bequith unto James Clerkson children of Richmond x s. Item I will and bequith unto Leonard Robinson children vj s. viij d. Item I will and bequith unto Cuthbert Clerkson doughters y^{t} is unmaried, xlvj s. viij d. Item I will and bequith unto Mr. Richard Swaille and his wife, and to eyther of theym, a riall of mony, and to every servant within y^{e} house of y^{e} said Mr. Swaille xij d. Also I will and bequith unto the said M^{ris} Swaille my best silver spone. Item I will and bequith unto the said Mr. Swaille my bawdkin. Item I will and bequith to the church of y^{e} said Easby a ratchet, foure yeards of lyn cloth, to be a table cloth, and ij. kirchiffs, to the use of the said churche. Item I will and bequith to every howse within the parish of Easbie aforesaid iiij d. a pece. The residew — unto the said James Clerkson and Leonard Robinson, whome I make my whole executors of this my last will and testament. And also I ordeyne and make the said Mr. Richard Swaille the supervisour of this my said last will and testament, to se the same performed and fulfilled. Thes being witnesses, George Wilkinson, William Nicholson, John Hewrd, and Robert Herryson; unto every of theym for their paines to be susteyned herein I do give xij d. a pece.

Inventory 28 November, 1564. Inprimis, two feder beddes, price xiij s. iiij d. ij. mattresses, iij s. iiij d. iiij. blanketts, ij s. ij. coverletts, iiij s. One counter poynct, iiij s. A rede mantle, xx d. One bolster, xx d. iij. litle bolsters, iij s. iiij. codds, xvj d. iiij. pair of lynnyng shetes, xxiiij s. ij. pair of hardin shetes, ij s. viij d. ij. codwarres, xij d. iij. peces of lynnyng cloth conteynynge xxviij^{tie} yeards, xxiiij s. iij. rattchetts, ix s. viij. sharts, vij s. A pair of lynnyn sleves and a pair of fusshyn sleves, xij d. ij. kirchiffs, xij d. vj. litle railles, xij d. iiij. codds, viij d. ij. cappes, ij s. viij d. ij. tippetts, viij d. A lantron, iiij d. Sex blacke gownes, iij li. vj s. viij d. ij. jakitts, iiij s. ij. pair of house, iij s. ij. dubletts, xvj d. iij. whiet kirtles, xij s. One peuder basin, iiij d. One peticote, xij d. One chist, vj d. ix li. xviij s. ij d. *At* Richmond. Inprimis, one counter, iiij s. iiij. chaires, xij d. One Flanders arke, iiij d. v. chists, iij s. iiij d. One Flanders coffer, iiij d. ij. cawdrons, iiij s. iij. pannes, ij s. ij. mylleyne potts, x s. ij. bras potts, vij s. xviijth pece of peuder, x s. v. counter fots, x d. v. sawsers, viij d. vj. candlesticks, iiij. s. iij. coverletts, iiij s. One countercloth, iij s. *In the backhouse.* Inprimis, sex tubbes, xv s. A pair of racks, ij s. viij d. One blanket, iiij d. viij. silver spones, xx s. vij. shetes, x s. xviij.

yeards of lyn cloth, xij s. vij. kirchiffs, iiij s. viij d. v. napkyns, vj d. iij. towelles, v s. A lede, v s. vj li. xx d. So the hole some is xv li. xix s. x d. *Detts owen to the said Michaell Clerkson.* Inprimis, Anthony Johnson, viij li. vj s. viij d. Th'executors of John Foster, iiij lj. iij s. iiij d. Leonard Robinson, xliij s. iiij d. Christofer Clerkson, iiij li. xiij s. iiij d. The wife of Mr. Richard Swaile, xl s. Peter Wright, vj s. viij d. Thomas Waller, vj s. viij d. Christofer Clerkson mother, xlviij s. iiij d. James Clerkson, vj li. James Close, iij s. Edward Saterwhait, ij s. John Collyson, iij s. iiij d. The some, xxx li. xvj s. viij d.

CXLIV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ SWALE NUPER DE STAYNLEY.

In the name of God, Amen. The xijth day of November, in the yere of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth threscore and foure, I Thomas Swayle of Staynlay, th'elder, in the countie of Yorke, esquyer,* being in good and perfite memorye, — my bodye to be buried at Churche Staynley, or els wheare, at the pleasure of Almightie God. I give and bequeth for my mortuarie as the lawe requyreth. Item I will and bequeith to Thomas Swayle yonger my eldeste sonne† a greate brasse pott, a litle gold chyne with a flower at yt, one vice (*sic*) of golde enameled, one sylver spone doble gilt. Item I will and bequethe to Jane Swaile my doughter‡ one hundreth pounds of currant money of Englond, to the preferment of her mariege, wherof threscore pounds I have lent to my brother William Swale, as apperith by a bill of his own hande, daited the viij. day of Februarie, in the sext yere of the reigne of our soveraigne ladye Elizabeth quene of England, &c. and fortie pounds, resydew of the said hundreth pounds I have lent to Christofer Watson of Ripon my brother in lawe, whiche said severall somes I will my said brothers William Swale and Christofer Watson shall delyver trulie to my said doughter Jane Swale or to her assignes, whan she, hir frende, or lawfull assigney for her shall demannde the same, without delay. Item I by my writing under my hande and seale haith geven and graunted to Salamon,§ Sampson, and William Swale,

* Thomas Swale, the head of the great family of Swale of South Stainely, married Cecily, daughter of John Pulleyn of Killinghall, and had by her four sons and a daughter. His will makes several additions to the family genealogy.

† Thomas Swale, the eldest son of the testator, died childless before 1584, when his brother Solomon became the representative of his family.

‡ Jane Swale was afterwards married to Thomas Harland of Ripon.

§ Solomon Swale, the second son of the testator, married Dorothy, daughter of Robert Wyvell, esq., of Constable Burton. His will is dated on the 16th of February, 34 Elizabeth, in which he directs himself to be buried at Kirk Stainely, near his father, and leaves to his son Francis, then a minor, his lease in Richmondshire, which he had

my yonger sonnes, everye one of them fyve pounds by yere, during ther naturall lyves, out of my lands and tenements. I will that they and everye one of them shall enjoye the same according to my sayde grannte during ther naturall lyves. Item all my goods — unbequested — I give and bequeth to Cecile Swale my wiff and Jane Swale my doughter, whome I maike my full executors of this my last will and testament, to dispose as God shall putt theme in mynde. Thees witnesses, James Pullayn and Christofer Watson. [Prob. 1 June 1565.] (*)

CXLV. LAME DOMINI GEORGII TESTAMENTUM.

In the name of God, Amen. The xiijth day of May, in y^{e} yere of our Lorde God M.ccccc.lxvth, I George Lame, parson of Copgrave, within y^{e} contye of Yorke, holle of mynde and of gud and perfyte remembrans, gevying God lawde and prayse, make thys my laste wyll and testament in maner and forme folowyng. Furste I gyve my soule to Almyghtye God, to our blyssed Lady Saynt Marye, and to all y^{e} celestyall companye of hevyn, and my bodye to be funerett within y^{e} churche or churcheyerde of Stavelay. Item I do gyve to Sir George Lame sex sylver spones duble gylte, with postles of y^{e} ende of them, yf he do kepe howse; and yf he kepe not howse of his owne then I do gyve y^{e} same spones to Rycharde Smythe, and he to dyspose them on y^{e} valiacon of them amongs my poore frendes of Westmoorelande. Item I do gyve to the sayd Sir George Lame my sylver sealle duble gylte, one fedder bedde with all y^{t} belongs to yt. Item I do gyve to Rycharde Smythe wyffe and to Margarett Whytwell my best syde gowne, to be devyded betwyxe them two. Item I do gyve to Sir Thomas Sowrebye my russett gowne lyned with furre. Item I do gyve

let to his cousin Wivell for twenty years, at 40*l.* per annum; and directs George Cooke and his uncle George to make a lease of Kirk Staynley to his brother William Swale, during his son's minority; the milne to his brother, he giving "amongest the poorest of Brearton, Leonard Burton, Markington, and Wallarthwaite, four graie gownes yearely, against that blessed tyme of Christemasse, and ther dynners upon Christenmasse." To his sister 4*l.* per annum, to his daughter Margaret 16*l.* per annum for life, his uncle George Swale, his cousin Richard Swale, Gilbert Swale's son. "I will that George Cooke lett the Furthe end for as moche as he can, and dyne all the poore at the hall of those foure townes with good beare, bread, and beiffe, everye Candlemasse daye, and that money which dothe remaine he to bestow it amongst them all att ther going awey. I gyve to him the Stubbwodd and that piece of Cassell which he did stubb, giving twoe greine coits yearelye, with all other things perteyning them, upon Good Fridaie, and thare dynners upon Easterdaie emongst the porest of those townes aforesaid during his naturall life: 20*l.* for my buriall dynner and blacks, and for all the poore y^{t} dothe come pence a peice att the churche. Mr. Docter Swale, supervisor. [Prob. 8 April, 1594; adm. given to Dorothy, his widow.] The breed of piebald horses, as it appears, had not been yet introduced into the family of Swale!

to George Whytwell my russett jakett with a ledder dublett and with one whersett dublett. Item I do gyve to Marye Smythe one grett bras pott with one grett pan unbownde and one sylver mayser gylte, with fowre sylver spones. Item I do gyve to Frances Smythe my bruyng leade. The reste of all my gudds moveable and unmoveable, my detts payd, my legaces fulfylled and my funerall expenses dyscharged, I gyve to Rycharde Smythe of Caton, and I do orden and make Frances Smythe his son and Marye Smythe his dowghter to be my trewe, holle, and lawfull executors of y^is^ my last wyll and testament. Wytnes hereof, Sir Christofer Bawtsbye vicar at Ripon Mynster, Sir Thomas Gylle, Sir W^m^ Easton my curett, and Rycharde Smythe, with other moo.

INVENTARIUM omnium bonorum quæ nuper fuerunt Georgii Lambe clerici tempore mortis suæ, qui obiit xix^o^ die Novembris 1565. 26 November (*inter alia*). *Rayment.* Inprimis, iiij. gownes, price xl s. iij. jaketts, xvj s. viij d. iij. paire of hoisse, v s. iij. dewbletts, xv s. A petycote, xvj d. v. shyrts, xlj s. . . . elte hatts, iij s. iiij d. ij. kerchyffes and a pair of shoyes, ij s. and a wersterd typpett, xx d. — iiij li. xvij s. *Sylver playte.* Item a mayser parcell gylte, x s. vj. sylver spoynes with ymegys upon them, xl s. iij. playne spoynes and one knopped, xvj s. A signatt of sylver dowble gylte, v s. A gymmer of sylver, vj d. — iij li. xj s. A gyrdle of lether with a purse and money in it, v li. George Whitewell of Copgrave owes him for certeyn corne iij li. xiij s. iiij d. Robert Wythes of the same for a quarter rent of the parsonage ther due at . . . iii li. x s. John Wythes for certeyn tythes unpayd, as appereth by a booke therof. —

CXLVI. PULLAYNE NINIANI TESTAMENTUM.

EMANUELL. In Dei nomine, Amen. I Ninian Pullayne,* of perfite memorye, do make this my last will and testament, the vij^th^ of August, anno Domini 1565. First I bequeath my soull unto the mercyfull hands of God the Father, God the Sonne, and God the Holie Gost. And secundarilie, my bodye to be buried in the churche earthe of Ferneham, to lye under the throughe stone. Item I give unto my brother Mr. Walter Pullayne a Flemishe wodd knyff. Item to my cosyn Edmunde Pullayne an oyle pied cote of warr. Item to my cosyn Thomas Pullayne my stele capp.

* A younger son of Ralph Pulleyn of Scotton, by Katherine, daughter of Seth Snawsell of Bilton. He, like many a younger son, seems to have sought his fortune in a foreign service and to have returned home to die, bringing back with him, for the admiration of his native village, many a memorial of his warfare, and many a wild story about his campaigns abroad.

Item to Thomas Richmond a black dublet with yalow buttens. Item to Samuall Pullayne a pare of black overstocks, cutt in long paynes. Item to William Richmond a pare of white hosen and my tauny cote. Item to Marmaduke Richmond a jack and a bill. Item to Ales, my mayden, one yewe and one lame. Item I give all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable to Margaret my wiff and to my doughters Margere and Frances, excepting one tablet of goulde, whiche I will that Margaret my doughter shall have when she shall be xxi. yeres of age, and if she dye before that tyme then yt to remayne to Fraunces my doughter. Item that Margaret shall give to the said Fraunces, out of the tablet, at the receyt of the tablet, xx s. My wife to be sole executour. My brother, Mr. Walter Pullayne, supervisor. Witnesses Nicholes Pullayne, Fraucis Pullayne, Thomas Strangways. (*)

CXLVII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BIRNAND ARMIGERI.

November 8, 1565. I John Birnand, of Knarisburgh, in the countie of Yorke, esquyer,* sike of bodye — to be buried within the churche of Knarisburgh, emongs myne auncestors, at the discrecion of myne executor. Item I give to the vicar for my mortuarye as the lawe dothe ordeyne theirin. Also I will, give, and bequethe to my sonne William Byrnand tenne pounds in golde to be for my buriall and bringing furthe, and also I will, give, and bequeth to Frauncis Byrnand,† his nevewe, all my gilte plate, that is to say, a standing cuppe with a cover doble gilte, a salt with a cover doble gilte, thre spones doble gilte, an ale cupp doble gilt; and the said William to have the use therof during the mynoritie of the said Frauncis, and if the said Frauncis dye, then the said plait to remayne to his next heire. Also I give and bequeth to Alyce Byrnand, my basterd doughter, thirtie pounds in golde, being angells and rialls, and the said Alyce and her parte to be in the tuicion and governance of my said son William Birnand, untyll she come at lawfull yeares to be maried. Also I give and bequeth to my said son William twentie pounds to be taiken of my goods. Also I give and bequethe to my son John Birnand‡ twentie pounds. — Also I give and bequeth to my

* The testator appears to have been a person of some rank, and was connected by marriage with more than one good Yorkshire house. Of his own family, however, there is but little known, and his immediate descendants do not seem to have survived him more than twenty years. The name lingered in the vicinity of Knaresbrough and Boroughbridge for more than century.

† His singularly curious nuncupative will occurs hereafter.

‡ John Burnand of Knaresbrough, in his will dated 15 February, 1576, mentions his wife Anne Burnand, and his three children John, Richard, and Mary Burnand.

doughter Margerye Hungate* iij li. vj s. viij d. of my goods. Also I give and bequeth to my said doughter Alyce four pounds to apparell her withall. Also I give and bequeth to Richard Derelove, John Byrnand, and Rauf Hope, everye one of theym a Spanyshe pece of sylver containing v s. a pece. Also I give and bequeth to Fraunc's Ledgerde xl s. of my goods. Also I give and bequeth to John Hudson three pounds in money. Also I give and bequeth to John Bennet ten shillings over and besyde his wages. Also I give and bequeth to Richard Bennet iij s. iiij d. to bye hym a cote. Also I give and bequeth to John Straker ten shillings to bye hym apperrell. Also I give and bequeth to John Slyver ij s. to bye hym a cote withall. Also I give and bequeth to Edward Newbye, my cooke and servante, ten shillings over and besyde his wages. The resydeu — to my son William Birnand, whom I maik my full and sole executor of this my last will. Witnesses hereof, Henrye More, prest, and Richard Derelove, with others. [Prob. Feb. 5, 1565.] (*)

Inventory, 13 November, 1565. Imprimis, iiij. iron boundè chists, xxvj s. viij d. Item j. olde counter and iiij. buffett stoyles, iiij s. j. olde cupbourde, iij s. iiij d. j. dosen quisshings and ij. olde quisshings, xvj s. j. hand basin of pewder, xvj d. xxiij. pewder platers, ij. great chargers, vj. pewder dysshes, iiij. potyngers, and ij. salcers. xl s. j. basin and one ewer of pewder, iij s. Fyve long spets, j. lampron spete, j. pair great racks, and j. paire cobyrons, xvj s. j. gallow bawke of iron, iiij. crooks, ij. pair potkylpes, ij. reckens, and ij. paire iron tongs, vij s. j. iron gavelocke, ij. hacks, and ij. iron wedges, iij s. j. paire lytle iron gallowes, v s. j. olde brandrethe, j. raike with iron tethe, ij. iron hoopes for a waine whele, j. wall candlestick of iron, iiij. bucket girthes, iiij. iron bandes for a doore, j. stancyon of iron and a barre, vj. casements of iron for windowes, and j. iron creper, vj s. j. strykinge knyfe and j. choppinge knyfe, vj s. j. brode pan and a crubbe to the same, xxij s. j. great brasse pott with kylpes, xx s. Fyve brasse potts and ij. paire kylpes, xviij s. j. great brasen morter with a pestell, j. hallywater fatt, j. great laver of brasse and one olde chawfyndyshe, xx s. j. copper pan with feete and eares, xiij s. iiij d. iiij. olde pannes bounde with iron and one lytle pan with a starte, ij s. Fyve olde kettles and caldrons bound with iron, xx s. iij. fryinge pannes and ij. dreping pannes, v s. iiij d. ij. broylinge irons, xx d. ij. bylles, j. lead mall,

* Margery Burnand, the daughter of the testator, married Edward Hungate, the fifth son of William Hungate of Saxton, esq., by Alice, daughter of Sir Thomas Gower of Stytnam, by whom she had several daughters. In May, 156 . the administration of the goods of Margery Hungate of Knaresbrough was granted to William .... and Alice his wife, her daughter.

and j. olde buckler, iij s. iiij d. Summa, xiij li. ij s. vj d. *In the chappell.* One chyste and locks, iij s. iiij d. j. old deske, j. litle coffer, j. litle bell, and j. olde chaire, vj s. j. Almon reuet, ij. salletts, ij. sculles, j. paire splints, j. shafe of arrowes, and other hustlements, xxvj s. viij d. Summa, xxxvj s. viij d. *In the buttrye.* j. old ambrye, j. olde arke, j. olde bourde, and j. old chiste, iij s. iiij d. vj. bearebarrelles, ij s. vj. candlesticks, v s. vj d. j. bourde and other hustlements, vj d. Summa, xxviij s. *In the inner parler.* iij. paire bedstocks, j. olde presser, and one lytle forme, viij s. j. olde bourde, j. forme, and the hangings in the utter parler, iij s. iiij d. Summa, xj s. iiij d. *In the great parler.* j. longe table, ij. joyned formes, ij. longe formes, iij. trystles, and j. olde counter, x s. *Hys apparell,* xl s. j. bedstead with hangings, j. truckle bedd, j. fedderbedd, j. mattresse, j. bolster, j. paire blanketts, j. pillow, j. coverlett, j. read clothe coveringe, and j. paire shets, xxvj s. viij d. ij. mattresses, iij. olde pillowes, vj. blanketts, and ten olde coverletts, vij s. ij. table carpetts, ij s. viij d. viij. paire lynnen shets and other hustlements, xxx s. ij. paire olde linnen shets and vij. harden shets, x s. j. olde wyndowe clothe, xij d. Summa, vj li. vij s. vj d. *In the whyte chambre.* One bedstead, j. mattresse, j. fedderbed, j. bolster, j. pillowe, j. paire blanketts, j. coverlett, j. covering, j. teyster with iij. curteynes, xxvj s. viij d. j. truckle bed, j. fedderbed, j. paire blanketts, j. coverlet, j. coveringe of dornixe, and j. old cupbourd cloth, vj s. j. fedderbed bolster, j. paire blanketts, one pillowe, j. coverlett, j. coveringe, and one painted teyster, vij s. Two olde standing stoyles and other hustlements, xx d. Summa, xl s. viij d. *In the gallerye.* j. mattresse, j. fedderbed, ij. ledder coddes, j. paire blanketts, and ij. coverletts, iij s. iiij d. Summa patet. *In the great chambre.* j. truckle bed, j. bedstead, j. teister, ij. curteines and hangings in the chambre, iiij s. Summa patet. *Leases.* Certeine leases of certeine demaine lands at Knaresburghe, of the value of x li. Summa patet. *Gilte playte.* One gilte standinge pece with a cover, j. gilte cup with a cover, j. gilte salte with a cover, and iij. gilte sylver spoyenes, ix li. xv. silver spoynes, j. lytle silver salte, and j. water crewet of silver, iiij li. *In money,* lxxv li. Summa, lxxxxviij li. *In the larder.* ij. kymblings, j. sowsekytt, and j. bread grater, iij s. iiij d. Summa patet. *In the brewhowse.* j. maskfatt, ij. gylefatts, j. tubbe, and other hustlements, iiij s. ij. troughes and other hustlements in the boulting howse, xij d. Summa, v s. *In the garners.* vij. teames, ij. shackles, j. bolte, ij. coulters, ij. paire cutwydyes, j. horse draughte, ij. axill nailes of iron, ij. plew foote shackles, ij. old hoopes, ix. yockes and irons, xiij s. iiij d. Plew tymbre and sylinge bourds, with other hustlements, iij s. ij. iron bounde waines and axill

nayles, iij. cowpes and j. sled, xxx s. j. brasse pullye, j. old pewder dyshe, and j. quarte pott, xvj d. j. sewe, iij s. iiij d. Summa, lj s. — In funerall expenses, xviij li. vj s. iiij d. To the ordinary for his fees and paines, xiij s. iiij d. Summa, xviij li. xix s. viij d. Summa totalis debitorum et allocationum, xxiij li. x s. ij d. ob. Et sic remanet clare, cxxxiij li. xix s. iij d. ob.

CXLVIII. RICHARD BYNKS OF RICHMOND.

November 16, 1565. Richard Bynks of Richmond, yeoman,* —to be buried within the paroche churche of the said Richmond, as nyghe my first wyfe as maie be gotten, in the mydde allie, before the quere dore. — To my sonn Richard Bynks my golden signett, my sylver whysle, and my swerd. — To my sonn William Bynks a rynge of gold with a turkie stone therein. — To my sister, wife to Edmunde Mason, my furred clooke lyned with whyte frees. — To my mother in lawe a baie colt amblinge stagge. — To my brother in lawe Mathewe Metcalf my best furred gowne lyned with conie. — To my brother in law Thomas Metcalf my best sadle covered with new motleye and stopped with a fether codd, for my owne rydinge. To Leonard Waller a new satten capp. Supervisors Richard Swaile of Easbie gentleman, M^ris^ Ann Gower the wyfe of Rauphe Gower, esquier, &c.

CXLIX. CUTHBERT PEPPER OF EAST COWTON.

Feb. 27, 1565. Cuthbert Pepper of East Cowton gentleman† — to my sonne Richard Pepper an hundrethe markes for his child's porcion — To my sonne Robarte Pepper one hundreth markes for his child's porcion.—To my sonne Methame and his wyffe, two fether bedds.—To my sonne Frauncis Pepper and his heires for ever, all my landes and tenements in the parishe of Greate Langton, of the yearly valew of iij li. vj s. viij d. and also all my lands and tenements in Hudswell and Scorton.—To my nece Dorithe, my cosynge John Pepper's wife, a blacke meare with her fole.—To my nephew John Pepper one standing bed. —To my nephew James Pepper one yonge horse, and to my nece Cecelye Pepper a yonge meare. My brother sons Robert and Francis under age. [Inv. 14 March, 1565.]

* A respectable Richmond yeoman, who has been more than once mentioned already. He seems to have been connected with the families of Metcalfe and Wray.

† An ancestor of the family of Pepper of Temple Cowton. Of the early history and genealogy of this family, which has since risen to considerable eminence, little or nothing is ascertained.

CL. MRS. JANE FULLTHROPP, WEDOW, TESTAMENT.

In the name of God, Amen. The fourthe day of Aprill, in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand fyve hundrethe thre score and sex, I Jane Fulthrop,* late wyfe of John Fulthrop of Hipswell, esquier, hole of mynde and good remembrance, and seyck of bodye, do make my last will and testament in manner and forme followynge. Fyrst I bequeathe my solle to Almightie God, and to his blissyd mother oure Ladye Saint Marye, and to all the holye companye of heaven, and my bodye to be buryed in Catherick churche, nighe to my husbande. Also I bequeath to every preste at the day of my buriall xij d., and to parishe clerks iiij d., poore foolks pence, and one dynner at Hipswell hall for my frends and neighbures that doth offer with me. Also I will that my sone in law Mr. Nevyll† have a murnyng gowne of black clothe, and my doughter his wyfe one, and Christofer Wandisford hir sone one gowne, and my sone in law Christofer Wandisford one gowne, and my doughter Cicily his wyfe one gowne; and to John Wandisford one gowne, and to my brother Gyles Fulthrop one gowne, and to my cosyn Henrye Wandisford one gowne, and to my cosyn James Fulthrop one coote, and to Christofer Steavensone one coote, and to James Bower one coote, and to Francis Wandisford, Herrye Wandisford, and Thomas Wandisford, every one of theym a coote. And also I will that Christofer Nevyll esquier and my doughter Anne his wyfe shall have twentie pounds of lawfull moneye of England, to be allowyd

* The testatrix was the daughter of Thomas Wharton, esq., by Agnes, daughter of Reginald Warcop of Smerdale, esq., and sister of Thomas the first Lord Wharton. She married John Fulthorpe of Hipswell, esq., and left by him two daughters and co-heirs, both of whom married into the house of Wandesford, and carried with them the estate of Hipswell into that family. The will of her husband has been already printed.

† Christopher Neville of Kirkbymoorside, the second husband of Ann Fulthorpe, the eldest daughter of the testatrix, was uncle to the last ill-fated Earl of Westmoreland, and was full of the hot blood and haughtiness of the Nevilles. We have a specimen of his violent and turbulent disposition in the attack which he made upon Christopher Rokeby, the son and heir of Thomas Rokeby of Mortham, esq., at a horse-race on Gaterley Moor, when the Richmondshire gentry rose to a man in defence of the young heir of Rokeby. When the rebellion in 1569 broke out, he followed the head of his family with all that energy and determination which always characterized his high-spirited house, and had the great earl but followed the example of his uncle, the dun bull need not have fled. On the failure of the enterprize, he escaped abroad, and died in exile a pensioner of the king of Spain. In his private life he is liable to grave censure, and even in the will before us we can detect family dissensions; for he was a bad husband and "dealt very ill with his wife." The lands which he acquired from her were forfeited by his treason, and were afterwards given up to Sir Christopher Wandesford, his stepson, who married a daughter of the knight and marshal Sir George Bowes. For more particulars *see* Sir Cuthbert Sharp's Account of the Rebellion of 1569, p. 36.

hym when he shall pay, or cause to be contentyd and payd, the some of fourescore pounds, which he ys indebtyd and standythe bounden by obligacon to pay unto me or to myne executors, accordinge to the purporte and effect of the sayd obligatione. Also I gyve unto Christofer Wandisford, my doughter Anne Nevyll eldest sone, one sylver salt with a cover, and one playne drynkyng sylver pece. Also I gyve to my dowghter Cicily chyldren, Francis, Henry and Thomas Wandisford, the sylver sponnes, whereof one of theym ys broken. Item I gyve to Sir William Wryght, my curat, x s. Also I gyve to Christofer Steavensone, my servant, v s., and to Elizabethe Macresse and Margarett Piburne, my servants, iiij s. a pece, and to everye one of my sone in law, Christofer Wandisford, howshold servants, xij d. a pece. Item I gyve to the repayring of the chappell of Hipswell, x s. Item to John Masons wyfe of Scotton, xij d., and to James Fulthrop one cow. And where Christofer Nevyle esquier and Gyles Fulthrop gentleman standyth bounden unto me by theyre obligation, jointlye and severally in one hundreth and thre score pounds, for the payment of fourescore pounds, I gyve and bequeathe the sayd obligation and the some therein conteynyd unto my sone in law Christofer Wandisford, and my doughter Cicelye his wyfe, whome I make myne executors, to sue the sayd obligation for the recoverye of the debt and pennaltye expressyd in the sayd obligation and endorcement thereof. The residue of all my goods movable and unmoveable, after my debts and legaces payd and dischargyd, I gyve, will, and bequeathe unto my sone in law Christofer Wandisford, my doughter Cicelye his wyfe, and the sayd Gyles Fulthrop, whome I make myne executors for the execution of the residue of this my last will and testament. Also I make the Right Honorable Thomas Lorde Wharton, my brother, supervisor of this my last will and testament, to se that the same be well and truely performyd. I will that he shall have for his paynes, yf he take any, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. These beyng witnesses hereof, Christofer Fulthrop gent., John Wray,* Robert Garthwait, John Frear, William Hyrd, and James Bower, with others.

* John Wray was an old servant in the families of Fulthorpe and Wandesford, and died in their service, having amassed considerable wealth. He makes his will at Hipswell, 10 December, 1589; and directs himself to be buried at Catterick, on the south side of my Mr. Wandesford's porches. He leaves to the repairing of the chappel of Hipswell, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to his wife Alison his messuage in Bargate in Richmond, which he bought of Christopher Lepton of Keybeyke, esq., and a close in Hudswell, called Thornebowlands; to my master Mr. Christopher Wandesford, 10*s.*; to Mr. Francis Wandesford, his son and heir, 5*s.*; to Mr. Christopher and Mrs. Ellen, my master's children, each 2*s.* 2*d.* My brother Christopher Wray, Margaret his wife, and John and Jane his children, my sister Anne, wife of Robert Garthwayth. To Sir Barnard Scot, 12*d.* [Prob. 5 July, 1591.]

INVENTORIUM, 16 April, 1566. *Quicke goodds.* Imprimis, twentye kyne, whereof thre of them have calves, xxv li. v s. iiij d. Two bulles (xlvj s. viij d.), two twynter whies (xxx s.), ij. calves of a yere olde (xvij s), iiij li. xiij s. viij d. One meare and one fillie stagg (xlvj s. viij d.), j. swyne (vij s.), liij s. viij d. xlv. yowes, xxxvij. lammes, iij. tuppes (x li.), xix. shepe hoggs (iij li. xiij s. iiij d.), xiij li. xiij s. iiij d. *Haye.* One stacke of haye, xxiij s. iiij d. *Golde and monye.* xviij. peeces of golde (ix li. x s.), in money all in newe shillings (ix li.) xviij li. x s. *Plaite.* One silver salte with a cover, and one playne drinking peece of silver, xlvj s. viij d. iij. silver spones, xij s. *Apparell.* One gowne of blacke satten, and a paire of sleves of the same, garded with velvet, (xl s.), one kirtle of tawnye velvet and a paire of sleves of the same (xl s.), one kirtle of tawnye satten (xxvj s. viij d), j. kirtle of blacke satten (xx s.), j. gowne of blacke cloth, garded with velvet (xxxiij s. iiij d.), j. gowne of black russels, garded with velvet (xiij s. iiij d.), j. gowne of blacke clothe, furred with blacke conye (xvj s.), j. kirtle of blacke russels (iij s. iiij d.), j. pettiecote of scarlet, garded with cremmessen velvet (xvj s.), ij. reade petticotes and j. blacke hoode (iij s.), j. blacke cloke of cloth (x s.), iij. yeards of blacke cottonn lyning (xx d.), j. silke hatt and a white capp (ix s.), j. bongrace and a muflar of blacke velvet (iij s. iiij d.), ij. olde silke hatts and j. olde white capp (iiij s.), j. twilt capp of lynning clothe (viij d.), xij li. iiij d. *Lynning apparell.* iij. lynnen kirchiffs (v s.), v. single kirchiffs (ij s. vj d.), iiij. lynnen railes (iij s.), viij. patclothes, vj. paire of ruffes, xj. hand kirchiffs .... paire of fore sleves, vij. foreheade clothes and ij. coyfes (viij s.), xviij s. vj d. vj. smockes and one rembelande of olde cloth, x s. *Bedding in y^e^ parlor.* One standing bedde with a teaster and hangings or curtens of linnen cloth, paynted or colored (xvj s.), one truckle bed (iij s. iiij d.), one fether bed, one boulster, ij. pillowes (xxx s.), j. fether bedd covered with harden (x s.), j. matteres (vj s. viij d.), v. blanketts (xviij s. viij d.), ij. happings (v s. iiij d.), iiij. coverletts (xiiij s.), ij. counterpoynts (xx s.), vj li. iiij s. *Napperye.* iiij. paire of lynning sheits (xxvj s. viij d.), ij. paire of harden sheits (v s. iiij d.), iiij. pillowe coverings (iij s. iiij d.), j. taible cloth, iiij. cubborde clothes, v. taible napkins (v s.), xl s. iiij d. *In the parlor.* One counter (xxvj s. viij d.), j. carpent cloth (v s.), j. long cubborde (xxvj s. viij d.), ij. other cubbords (xxvj s. viij d.), litle cubborde (ij s. viij d.), iij. chists (v s.), iij. chaires and iij. quisshings (iiij s.), iiij. peece of wollen hangings paynted (x s.), j. litle bourde (iiij d.), v li. vij s. *Implements of householde.* iiij. dublers, iiij. disshes, ij. pottingers, j. baysen, ij. sawcers, and j. pewder salt (xij s. iiij d.), ij. dublers and ij. disshes (iiij s. iiij d), vj. candlestickes (vj s. viij d.), j. braysen

morter with a pestell (xvj d.). iij. pounds of lyne, and viij. hanks of lynning yearne (vj s. viij d.), j. frying pann, j. dropping pan and j. gyrde iron (iij s. iiij d.), j. spete, j. paire of iron rackes, j. paire of tongs, j. iron scummer and one recken (vij s.), j. chawfin dishe, j. litle frying pan and a tosting iron (iiij s. iiij d.), iij. drinking cuppes with covers (viij d.), j. dubble graiter (vj d.), j. kimnell (iij s. iiij d.), iiij. heckles (x d.), viij. fyrkins (v s. iiij d.), lvj s. viij d. *Brasse vessell.* Item iiij. brasse potts, j. chawfer, ij. paire of pott kilps, j. latten laddle and j. latten scummer (xxxiij s.), j. greate caldron and j. kettle (xx s.), iiij. pannes (iiij s. vj d.). lvij s. vj d. *Bedding in Sir Will'ms chamber.* j. mattres, j, blankett, j. paire of harden sheits and one coverlet (vij s.), vij s. *In the milke house.* xxiiij. bowels, and ij. litle tubbes (v s.), v. stands and v. skeles (iij s. iiij d.), vj. chesfatts and j. chese troughe (ij s. vj d.), iij. wood dublers, xxiiij. disshes and j. laddle (viij d.), ij. kyrnes and j. kirne staff (xvj d.), iij. bords and iij. formes (ij s.), xiiij s. x d. *Corne and things as followeth.* xij. busshells, j. pecke and a halfe of rye (xxxvj s.), x. busshels of malte (xx s.), j. busshel and a pecke of wood (xij d.), vj. seckes and j. poke (iij s. iiij d.), j. windowe clothe (iij s. iiij d.), ij. scuttles (ij d.), iij li. iij s. x d. Summa totalis Inventorii, c.v li. xviij s. *Debita dictæ Johannæ Fulthrope.* Imprimis to Sir William Wright clerke, for Lentt fynes, xj s. To the said Sir William Wright, for a tithe calfe, iij s. To the said Sir William Wright, that he was unpaid of his waiges, iij s. iiij d. To the said Sir William Wright, for a mortuarye, x s. To the said Sir William Wright for vij. tithe fleses of wool, and iiij. tithe lammes, xiij s. viij d. To Christofer Stevenson, for his half yere waiges, viij s. vj d. To Margaret Piburne, for hir half yere waiges, v s. To Elizabeth Maccresse, for hir half yere waiges, v s. vj d. Summa debitorum, iij li. *Funerallia dictæ Johannæ Fulthropp.* Imprimis for blackes and spices, xxij li. x s. viij d. For costs and expences at the churche, and pennye daile to power folks, iij li. x s. For the charges of the funerall dynner, as caits, and all other things concernyng the same, vj li. x s. x d. Summa funerallium xxxiij li. xj s. vj d. Summa Inventorii, c.v li. xviij s. Summa legacionum et debitorum xxj li. iiij s. iiij d. Summa funerallium xxxiij li. xj s. vj d. Sic remanet lj li. ij s. ij d.

CLI. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ GOLDISBURGHE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The xviij. day of Aprill, in the yere of our Lord God 1566, I Thomas Goldisburg, of Goldesburghe in the countie of Yorke, esquyer,* — to be buried in Goldisburgh

* The head of the ancient family of Goldesburgh of Goldesburgh. He was the eldest son of Richard Goldesburgh by Anne daughter of Sir William Ingleby, and

churche besyde my auncesters, or els whear it please God to visite me at the discrecion of my executors. Item I give and bequethe to my sonne Richarde Goldisburghe his heires and assignes and to his and their onlie uses and behofes all thos the manors of Goldisburgh and Poole in the countie of Yorke, and all that the manor of Potterhanworth in the countie of Lyncolne, — and also all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments, rents, revercons and services, with th'appurtenances, in Goldesburgh, Pole, Criskell, Castley, Kexburgh, and Borowbrig, in the countie of Yorke, Potterhanworth in the countie of Lyncolne, Bampton Doly in the countie of Oxford, and also all and singuler other my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with th'appurtenances whatsoever, and whearsoever the same do lye, within the hole realme of Englande. — Also I give and bequethe to my sone Rauf Goldisburgh all my lands and tenements in Pole, with all and singler the appurtenances, issues, and proffetts therof, during his lyff naturall. And also I give and bequeth to my sone Rauf Goldisburgh the moitie and th'one half of all my lands and tenements in Banton Dolye in the countie of Oxforde, with all and singuler th'appurtenances, issues, and proffetts therof, during his lyff naturall. Also I give and bequethe to my doughters Anne, Johane, and Cecile Goldisburgh, joyntlie together, all my fee fermes in Kexburghe during ther lyves naturall, and the lyf naturall of the survivors or survivor of them. Item I give and bequith to my servannte Thomas Mitchel one tenemente with the appurtenances nowe in his holding during his liff naturall without any rent paing, and if it fortune my servannte George Knaggs to survive hym, then I give and bequethe to George Knags the same tenemente during his lyf naturall. — Also I will that George Wynder be placed in the lodge with the appurtenances nowe in the tenor of his brother Edmunde according to my promyse (the beast gates uppon the more and in the feild onely except), whiche I will that the said Edmunde shall have and occupie. Item I give to the parishe churche of Goldisburghe xx s. in money, to be bestowed upon the reparacons of the same. Item I give to my sone Richard Aldburghe* one meyre with foill. Item I give ten pounde in

married Jane daughter of Thomas Boynton of Barmston, esq., by whom he left a large family.

* Richard Aldburgh of Aldburgh, esq., the head of one of the most considerable of the Yorkshire families, married Eleanor Goldesburgh, a daughter of the testator. He lived to a very great age, and saw his great-grandchildren around him; but he appears to have fallen deeply into debt in his old age, and his estates were, no doubt, sacrificed to his necessities. He makes his will 1 Aprill, 1612, at Ellingthorpe, and directs himself to be buried in his closet in Aldburgh church. He states that he (with his son and heir apparent William Aldburgh, by indenture dated 24 April, 3 James,) has assigned his lands, &c., in Aldburgh, Humburton, and Ellingthorpe, to Marmaduke Wilson of Tanfield, gent., and John Bousfield of York, draper. I have granted

money to be distributed emongst his children. Also I give unto William Aldburgh* his son one bay stagg going at Criskell to maike him a nagg of. Item I give unto my uncle George Goldisburghe† one meyre with foill. Item I give and bequethe to my sone Richarde Goldisburgh my white gelding. Item I give unto Edmunde Lowson clerke, parson of Goldisburgh, xl s. in money. — Item I give unto Sir Oswold Wilstrope and my nevey Boynton, to eyther of them a gelding or a stoned horse to taike at their owne chose amongs my horses not bequeathed before. The residew — to my two sonnes Richard and Rauf Goldisburgh, whome I maike my executors of this my said last will and testament. And I will desyre Sir Oswold Wilstrope and my nevey Boynton to helpe my executors in performance of this my will, and I do maike them supervisors of this my last will and testament. In witnesse wherof I have subscribed my name the day

the town-close in Humburton to Arthur Aldburgh (son and heir of my son and heir-apparent William Aldburgh) and Elizabeth Holland, his wife, daughter of Richard Holland of Denton, co. Lancaster, esq. I have given to Richard Aldburgh (*a minor*), eldest son of Arthur Aldburgh, late of Aldburgh, the rectory of Kirby-on-the-Hill; to Lucy, my wife, 1000 marks; to Arthur Aldburgh all my armour, weapons, and plate; to Serjeant Hutton, esq., my speciall good friend, my best horse; to the youngest unmarried children of my son-in-law William Mauleverer, and the three youngest children of Arthur Aldburgh, 20*l.* [Prob. 13 September, 1613.] In his *Inventory*, his plate consisting of two gilt salts, two silver standing cups gilt, one silver saltseller parcell gilt, three silver beakers, two silver bowles plain, four silver cups plain, one sugar box of silver, a small silver spoon, a silver poddinger, fourteen great silver spoons, two great silver spoons gilt, being in all fifty-two pieces, weighing 186 ounces, at 4*s.* 6*d.* per ounce, is valued at 41*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* His goods and chattels are valued at 495*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*. He has in gold 116*l.* In money 231*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* Lady Margaret Strickland, widow, owes him 46*l.*, and he owes to Sir Timothy Hutton, for one year's rent of Ellingthorpe tythe, 6*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

* William Aldburgh, the eldest son of the above-mentioned Richard Aldburgh, makes his will 10 July, 1627, in which he is styled as being now of Knaresbrough and late of Ellingthorpe, esq. He directs himself "to be honestlye brought forth and fittinglie buryed in my ancestors' quyer, within y^e^ parishe church of Aldbrough. To Arthur Aldburgh my grandchild, sonne of Arthur Aldburgh my sonne and heire, and his heires one messe in Stonegate, in the parish of St. Ellins, York, and he to satisfie and paie unto my good cosen and frend William Phillippe, esq., councellor-at-lawe, and to his clarke, all such fees, &c., laide out by them for mee in my suite in y^e^ Dutche Courte, in the Starr Chamber, and at y^e^ common lawe."—Arthur Aldburgh, Exec^r^. [Prob. 9 May, 1628, and adm. to William Scruton tutori Thomæ Aldburgh fratris defuncti executoris.]

† George Goldesburgh of Goldesburgh, gentleman, in his will dated 27.... 1578, directs himself to be buried in the church of Goldesburgh, "neyre unto my ancetories and my wiffe;" one part of my goods emongs my fower children, Richard, Ed.... Ellen Goldesburgh, and Thomas Dewes chyldren; to Mary Goldesburgh one whyte cowe; to Dorothe Bicrofte one garded cowe, called Doll; to Edward Goldesburgh my bay nagge; to Thomas Dewes one bay filley; to Richard Goldesburgh one dune mayre; to Edmond Lawson y^e^ parson iij s. iiij d.: the residew into three parts, the first to the children of Edward Goldesburgh, the second to the children of Thomas Dewes, the third to the three children of Richard Goldesburgh. Inventorii summa 133*l.* 16*s.* [Prob. 22 Sep. 1578.] In 1582 Richard Goldesburgh was settled in Essex, and Edward Goldesburgh at Potterhanworth in Lincolnshire.

and yere abovesaid. Thes witnesses, Richarde Aldburghe, George Goldisburgh, and Edmunde Lowson clerke, with other. (*)
[Prob. 10 Oct. 1566.]

CLII. LANCELET GAYLE PAROCHIÆ DE SCRUTON.

May 9, 8 Eliz. I Lancelot Gaile,* of the parishe of Scruton, seake in body — my body to be funeratyd in the parishe churche of Scruton, as ny my father as I may be laid, even betwixt hym and the pulpit. Item I will that my frends and my neighbors that do offer with one the day of my buryall have a dyner at my house, and I wilbe keapt up one day and one nyght, yf God will permyt, unto suche tyme my frends be gaythered togyther, and I will that the poore people be levyd at the churche the day of my buryall at the discretyon of my frends, and I will that scollers have one peny a pece the day of my buryall to pray for me. Ferthermore I geave forgoten teythes x. . . . and to the reparacion of the churche viij d. Also I leave my sonne William Gayll my swerd and bucler, with all my buckes and especyally one bucke called the Terence, and forty shillings of money, and to be honestlye arayed wen he shalbe able to go to servyce — to my doughter Margerit Gaile at the day of hir marige to have a weddinge gowne geeven — to my wyfe one hamlinge maire.

* The testator was son of William Gale of Scruton, who made his will in 1556, by Elizabeth, daughter of .... Tennant, and was a member of a most respectable family of yeomanry, which, in the next century, gave birth to the two famous antiquaries, Roger and Samuel Gale. The testator would seem to have inherited by anticipation a little of the literary taste of his descendants, for he mentions his books in his will, and appears to have had an especial admiration for Terence. We have here another instance of that excessive merriment which was such a remarkable feature in the funerals of our ancestors, a species of revelry which, though some perhaps may consider it indecent and out of place, was only intended to be an act of charity and friendly hospitality. With this motive, no doubt, the testator breaks through all the long-established rules of custom and prejudice, and directs his body to remain unburied for a day and a night. So deeply rooted was this practice of hasty burial, that the body was always interred, if possible, within twenty-four hours after death. We have a remarkable and early instance of this feeling in the register of Richard Kellawe, Bishop of Durham, in which that prelate licenses the burial-ground of the chapel of Shafto, in the parish of Hartburn, for the following reason: "Cum ex intimatione vestra et assercione discreti viri perpetui vicarii de Herteburn acceperimus quod propter subitas ac frequentes aquarum inundaciones corpora mortuorum in dicta villa de Shafthouwe decedentium ad sepeliendum in cimiterio parochialis ecclesiæ vestræ de Herteburn deferre comode non potestis, unde multociens quamtriduam in domibus vestris fetent, adeo quod parentes filiis et filii sunt horrori." The licence is datedat Stockton, on the 6th of April, 1323. Richard Thoresby, Rector of Winston, died at Aske in Richmondshire on the 7th of July, 1651, and was buried at his own parish church on the following day, although Aske is a considerable distance from Winston. Other instances may be frequently met with.

My brother* Rafe Skipton — my uncle parson Christofer Hall of Newsom, my uncle Robart Teannent, Thomas Gaile, and . . . ard Wright supervisors. Rem. to my two children. INVENTORY. Funerall expences, xx s.

CLIII. TESTAMENTUM ET INVENTARIUM CHRISTOFERI PHILLIPSON NUPER DE CROKE PAROCHIÆ DE KENDALL.

In the name of God, Amen, 20 May, 1566. I Christofer Phillipson,† of Crooke withe in parishe of Kirkbi in Kendall — Item I geve unto Rolland Phillipson and unto his heirs male of his bodie lawfullie begotten all the lands I purchased of Mr. Heskett and all others the tenements of Huthomes or that was Barwiks that he dwellithe now on. Also I geve to the said Rolland one tenement that liethe neare Bowlnes of the yerelie velew of eight shillings by yere. Also I geve unto the said Rolland and unto his heirs male of his bodie lawfullie begotten my hole title of the Calgarthe lyinge in Wynandermer, and in defalte of the heirs male of the said Rolland all theis my lands afore said thei to remayne unto Myles Phillipson and his heirs male lawfulli begotten. Also I geve unto Myles Phillipson all my lands at the Abbott hole, and also my lands at Cowpertwhat, and all my lands in Crooke and one tenement called Furn' close; I geve more unto Myles Phillipson the tenement of the Lange holme in Wynandermer; all theis the said Myles to have to hym and to his heirs

* A member of a very respectable Durham family. It was probably through this connection that Thomas Gale, the brother of the testator, settled at Greatham, where he makes his will in 1581.

† The testator was the son of Robert Philipson of Hollinghall, esq., by Jane daughter of Thomas Layborne, esq., of Cunswick, and was receiver to Edward VI. of his rents in Westmoreland. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Briggs of Helsfell Hall, and had by her five sons and two daughters.

The family of Philipson was of considerable consequence in Westmoreland, and was especially distinguished for its loyalty in the time of the great rebellion. The great-great-grandson of the testator, Robert Philipson, was major of a regiment in the royal army, and obtained the nickname of Robin the Devil, for the many feats of reckless daring which he performed. His kinsman Colonel Briggs, who was a staunch Oliverian, had blockaded his house on Curwen's Island, in Windermere, for eight days, till the siege was raised by his brother, Colonel Huddleston Philipson. In revenge for this attack, on the following Sunday Philipson rode into Kendal at the head of a troop of horse, and surrounded the church, where he expected to find Briggs at his devotions, intending either to carry him off or kill him on the spot. Briggs, however, luckily for himself, was absent, and Philipson, who had ridden into the church in full armour in quest of his enemy, on finding that he was not there, quietly turned his horse and rode out. The congregation, however, rushed upon him as he was leaving the church and tore him from his horse, at the same time cutting his girths. Philipson's party now came to the rescue, and their leader, with his own hand, slew the man who had seized him, clapped the saddle, ungirthed as it was, upon his horse, and vaulting into it, rode at a furious rate through the town of Kendal, and with his whole party made good his retreat to his island-fortress. At the close of his poem of Rokeby, Sir Walter Scott has appropriately introduced this stirring tale.

male of his bodie lawfullie begotten. And in defalte of heirs male of the said Rolland the said Myles to paye unto the heirs gennerall of the said Rolland twoo hundreth pounds in currant money of England; and in defalte of the sayd Myles heirs male, the said Rolland and his heirs male to paye unto the sayd Myles and his heirs gennerall one hundreth pounds in currennt money of England; and in defalte of heirs male of them bothe, then I will either of them kepe tham with their owne. Also yt is my will that Myles Phillipson and his heirs shall paye for the maytenannce of the servis or the reparations of Crooke chapell eight shillings by yere. Also I geve unto the said Myles the tenement at Lyndathe, with all the shepe that bears marke and implements of hushold stuffe that is occupied thare. Also I will that Myles Phillipson and his heirs male have the governnance of the fermhold that Hewghe Tallenson dwellithe upon accordinge to the ordenannce of Myles Phillipson last will. Also I geve unto the said Myles Phillipson sex kye, foure oxen, a horse and a meare, twoo yonge staggs. Also I geve more unto the said Myles Phillipson two stotts, two whies, two whie striks, and twoo whie calves. Also I geve more unto the said Myles all my hushold stuff that I have in Crooke, with all the shepe that is thare, exseptid bords, bedstocks, chests, arks, and almereres, a masar, and sex silver spones withe knopes on and a challes; all theis to remayne at the house thare withoute prisement so longe as any of the Phillipson name shall dwell at the said house in Crooke. Also I geve unto Rolland Phillipson all my goods at Calgarthe and all others my moveable goods wharsoever thei be or ells whare, exsept suche as shall be exseptid hereafter, that is to saye, all suche goods as I have bequethed afore and hereafter bequethed. Also it is my will that Rolland Phillipson shall paye unto Myles Phillipson one hundrethe pounds in currennt money of England, or to his heirs male. Also I make Rolland Phillipson my hole executor and to paye my detts that shall happyn hereafter. Also it is my will that fortie shillings a yere be paide to the sonnes of Thomas Warde durynge the space of thre yeres, and if he will kepe any of them at Unyversattie or ells at the ines of courte. Records heareoff, John Ayraye, Robert Grene, and Sir John Jackson prest, with other mo.

Theis be the INVENTORI of all theis parcells of goods that was in Mr. Christofer Phillipson of Crooke, priced by John Ayraye and Robert Grene the xxiijth daye of Octobre, anno 1566. Innprimes, corne, xvj li. v. score and vij. shepe, xij li. vj. oxen, viij li. In beddinge, iij li. x. kye, xij li. In bras and puder, xxx s. vj. stotts, vj li. Rayment, xxx s. iiij^{or} whies, iij li. Horse and mears, vij li. In calves, xx s. In haye, xxx s. In golde, xl s. Some, lxxiiij li. x s.

CLIV. JOHN SUTTON OF KATHERYKE.

Aug. 12, 1566. John Sutton of Katheryke. My lands in Scotton and Tunstall to my brother Chr. Sutton. — For my buryinge wythin the churche of Katheryke, vj s. viij d. To the buyldynge of Katheryke brydge vj s. viij d. To my goddowghter Elezabeth Conyers on velvet cappe, to my goddowghter An Burgh, xij d. To my uncle Rycharde Hewthwayte my best gowne gardyd with velvett. To Roger Bowlrone one payre of sloppes of crayncoloryde fustyane, and the undersokes belongynge the sayme. To my cosyn Annes Hewthwayte one velvet cappe. To maystresse Elizabeth Burgh my best cloyke gardyd wyth velvet.—To the vycker of Katheryke vj s. viij d. To Mr. Roger Burgh on old ryall. To Mr. Roone on old ryall.

CLV. ANNE KIRKBIE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Y^e^ xij. daye of September, anno Christi 1566, I Anne Kirkbie,* the late wyff of Henry Kirkbie, off the Crosse howse in Kirkbye Ireleth, esqwyer, seike in bodye by the visitation of God, yett being in my perfite mynd and memory, I praye my Lorde, do make, constitu, and orden herein my presente testament wharein is expressed my last will as folowith. First I I do submitt my soull into the hands of my Lord God my onelye maker and redemer, my body to the grownd from whence yt came, and to be buried within my parishe churche of Kirkbye Ireleth, within the chappell, neighe unto my husband. Item it is my will and mynd to be decentlye and honestlye browght towards my buriall at y^e^ daye off my sepulture as the lawes of this reallme will permytt and suffer, and the same churche to have all dutyes off right accustomed. Item I gyve unto Roger† my son fyve oxen and fyve kye towards kypping his howse. Item I gyve unto

* The testatrix was the only daughter of Richard Kirkby of Kirkby, esq., the head of one of the most ancient and considerable families in Furness, by Dorothy, second daughter of John Flemfing of Rydal, esq. She married her cousin Henry Kirkby of the Crosshouse, and on the death of her brother John Kirkby, in 1550, she carried all his estates into her own family. Her husband Henry Kirkby was found to be fifty years of age at the death of his cousin in 1550, and died just before the date of the present will. His estate of the Crosshouse derived its name from a large stone cross which stood before it. The present will makes considerable additions to the genealogy of the house of Kirkby.

† Roger Kirkby, the son and heir of the testatrix, married Margaret, daughter of John Preston of the manor of Furness, and had by her a large family. He was thirty-six years of age at the time of his father's death.

my son in law Jamys Ambros,* yentyllman, xl. shepe. Item I gyve unto John Postyleqwate my son in lawe ij. kye and x. shepe. Item I gyve unto William Askewe my son in lawe ij. kye and x. lambs. Item I gyve unto Richard Kirkbye, son and heyre unto my son Roger, my dune geldyng. Item I gyve unto Margreat my dowghter in lawe xl. lambes. Item I gyve unto (every) chyld which I am grandmother unto one shepe. Item I gyve unto Jane and Anne my dowghters all my rayment and aparell. Item I gyve unto ye vicar one qwye. Item I gyve unto every one off my maid sarvants one lambe. Item I make my hole executor Rychard my son, Thomas my son, Jane and Anne my dowghters, to qwome I gyve all my gudds, moveable and not moveable, my detts and qwests dishcarged and paid. Item I dessyre to be my supervisors to se my will performed and my children ordered, my son Roger Kirkbye, James Ambros gentyllman, John Postyleqwate, and William Askewe, my sons in lawe. Thesse beyng witness, John Cragg elder, William Woodbourne, Thomas Swaylles, John Kellat, William Huntter, and William Clappam, with other moo.

CLVI. TESTAMENTUM CRISTIANNÆ BURGHE ALIAS DAME PRIERES.

In the name of God, Amen. The xxjti day of December, in the yere of our Lorde God 1566, I Cristine Burghe † of Rychemond, in the countie of Yorke, gentylwoman, and laite Priores of the laite dissolved Nunrie of Nunkyllyng in the said countie, hole of mynde and good remembrance, do maike and orden this my last will and testament in manor and forme followyng. First I bequithe my solle to Almyghty God and to our blissid Lady St. Mary and to all the holy company of heaven, and my boddy to be buryed in the quier within the parishe chirche of Rychemond afforsaid. Item I will that the daye of my buryall suche

* James Ambrose of Lowick, in Furness, was the eldest son of Henry Ambrose, and the head of a family of considerable importance in the deanery. He died 35 Eliz. and left several children.

† Christian Burgh, an unrecorded member of the family of Burgh of Burgh, near Catterick, like many other members of her family, dedicated herself to a religious life, and became Prioress of the little monastery of Nunkilling, in the East Riding of Yorkshire. She was elected Prioress 17 May, 1537, and surrendered her office to the king in 1540, receiving a pension of 8*l.* per annum for her life, on which she retired into the North Riding to seek for refuge and consolation in the bosom of her family, which she had voluntarily deserted in her earlier years, and where she was still welcome.

The Priory of Nunkilling was founded in the reign of Stephen for Benedictine nuns in honour of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Helen. It was only a small establishment, containing about twelve nuns, and was valued at the Dissolution, according to Dugdale, at 36*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* The site of the priory and its demesne lands were sold to Sir Richard Gresham.

observance and service shalbe done as is appoynted and set furth in that behalfe. Item I gyve and bequith to Sir John More preste, Sir John Aykerycke, Sir Cristofer Hutchinson, and Sir Thomas Aykerycke, prestes, every one of them, xx d. Item I gyve and bequith to the vicare of Caterycke, ij s. Item I gyve to the poure pepill of Catericke toune, iij s. iiij d. Item I gyve to Robert Warde, parishe clarke of Rychemond, xij d. Item I gyve to every strange preste that shall be at my buryall, iiij d. Item I gyve to every parishe clarke that shalbe at my said buryall, ij d. Item I gyve and bequith to my god sonne Rychard Crosby on sylver spone. Item I gyve to my god sonne Thomas Warde on sylver spone. Item I gyve to my coussyng John Chamley, wyffe to Mr. Francis Chamley,* on pounced pece of sylver which was my grandmother's. Item I gyve and bequith to my coussyngs Mr. Graye wyffe and Mr. Constabill wyffe, either of them, on sylver spone. Item I gyve to my coussyng Ales Francke on ewer of puther. Item I gyve to my coussyng Roger Burghe† on fierchaffer of brasse. Item I gyve to my commother Crosby one fyne kyrchyffe. Item I gyve to Mres. Gower on other fyne kyrchyff. Item I gyve to my coussyng Elizabeth Burghe on lytyll crucifixe of silver and gilt. Item I gyve to Ales Syggeswicke my best cote, my best kyrtell, and on olde ryall. Item I gyve and bequithe to be distributed to the poure pepill of Rychemond xx s. Item I gyve to Margarett Bell my workedaye kyrtell and on harden smocke. Item I gyve to Alison Theker on raile. Item I gyve to Cristine Lang and Annes Wrangham, aither of them, on pettycote. Item I gyve to John Crosby on wessyng basyng of latten and one old ryall. Item I gyve to Isabell Bane, gentylwoman, some tym a sister of Nunkyllyng, one old ryall. Item to every of my god barnes in Rychemond and in Cateryke, xij d. Item I gyve to Sir Thomas Siggeswicke, doctor in divinitie,‡ on chargeour of puther, on sylke qwishen, and on old ryall. Item I gyve to weydow Clarkeson on kyrchyff.

* Anne, only daughter and child of Sir Thomas Tempest of Holmside, by Elizabeth, the youngest of the two daughters and co-heirs of William Burgh of Burgh, esq., married Sir Ralph Bulmer of Wilton, and left by him three daughters and co-heirs, of whom Joan, the eldest, married Francis Cholmely of Roxby, esq., and died childless; Frances, the second, married Marmaduke Constable of Cliffe, esq., and left issue; and Millicent, the youngest, married Thomas Grey of Barton, esq., and left issue. Sir Ralph Bulmer also left two other *reputed* daughters and co-heirs, Anne and Dorothy, who married Anthony Welbury of Castle Eden, and Ralph Williamson of St. Helen's Auckland, esq. These two *reputed* daughters Sir Ralph *never acknowledged*.

† Roger Burgh of Burgh, esq., whose will is given afterwards.

‡ A member of the family of Sedgwick of Walburn Hall, who has been already alluded to. Alice Sedgwick, who is mentioned by the testatrix, was probably his sister. She was a sister of the house of Nunkilling at the Dissolution, and received a pension of 1*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. per annum for life.

Item I gyve to John Johnson th'elder, xij d. Item I gyve to Sir Peter Horseman, parson of Rychemond, ij s. Item I gyve to William Bowbancke, Mr doctor man, xij d. Item I gyve to Robert Warde yonger, viij d. Item I gyve to Thomas Amgill and his wyffe, aither of them vj d. — xij d. Item I gyve to the said Thomas Amgil sonne, iiij d. Item I gyve to my coussyn, old Mres Welden, on fyne rayle. Item I gyve to the said John Johnson wyffe on rale. Item I gyve to my coussyng Briggett Norton and to her fower sisters, every on of them iij s. iiij d. Item I gyve to Mr. Fyrbanck, xx d. Item I gyve to Robert Trotter and his wyff, aither of them viij d. Item I gyve to my cussyng Katryne Franck my sylke hatt. The supervisor of this my last will and testament I do maike and ordayn Sir John More preste, to whom I gyve for his panes on sylver spone. The resydew of all my goods not bequested, my funerall and debtes discharged, I leave to be dissposed at the discression of John Crosby and Ales Siggeswick, whom I maike my executors. These being wytnesses, Sr John Aykeryche, Sr Cristofer Hutchinson, prestes, John Johnson, John Trewthett, John Rawe, Robert Warde, and other mo.

The true INVENTARY of all the goods moveable and unmovable of Cristine Burgh of Richmond, laite priores of the laite dissolved nunry of Nunkylbyng in the countie of Yorke, deceased, prased by these fower honest men, John Johnson, John Spittell, Antyny Outhwhet, and William Wind, the seventh daie of Janarie anno Domini 1566. Inprimis, iiij. disshes of puther, ij s. iiij d. iij. doublers, ij s. vj d. ij. salsers, iij d. iij. nowe disshes, xvj d. j. hole basinge of puther, xvj d. j. ewer, viij d. j. greate charger, ij s. viij d. iij. candlesticks, ij s. j. chaufingdishe, vj d. j. pounced basin of latten, viij d. ij. great weshinge basins, ij s. ij d. ij. brasse potts, j. bigger, and the other lesser, v s. j. litle kettle, ij. pannes, j. bigger, and th'other lesser, xvj d. j. great fier chawfer and j. possnet, iiij s. j. chair of wainscotte and j. chair of turned worke, xvj d. j. counter, iiij s. j. cubberd, iiij s. ij. chists, ij s. viij d. ij. sproce coffers and j. caskett, ij s. j. fryinge pan, iiij d. j. payer of tongs, ij d. j. spete and j. brolinge yeron, vj d. j. longe chist, ij d. j. grate for bread, ij d. j. reckinge croke, iiij d. vj. quisshings, ij s. vj. silver spones, xx s. j. pece pounced of silver, xx s. j. mattres, j. fetharbed, j. bolster, iij. pillowes, j. payer of blanketts, ij coverletts, j. happinge, and ij. coverings, xl s. iij. payer of lynnynge shetes and iiij. payer of hardenshetts, xxiiij s. iij. pillowbers, xij d. j. lynnyng towell, iiij d. j. quisshinge of grene silke, ij s. iij. kirchiffs, iij. rayles, and certen mufflers, iij s. iiij d. ij. cotts, ij. kirtells and ij. pettecotts, and j. silke hatte, xvj s. In gold and money, vj li. Somme, xiiij li. x s. x d. *Detts that she ought.* To Ales Segeswicke, ix s. iiij d.

CLVII. WILLIAM TOMSON OF BOROWBRIGHT.

Apr. 2, 1567. Wm. Tomson of Borowbright — I will Angnes Tomson my dowghter shall have the xiij s. iiij d. as doo appere befor yf that she will be ordered by hir frends, and not to marye a Skottesman,* as she dos intende, and yf y^{t} she will have hime yt is my will y^{t} she shall not have xiij s. iiij d. wyche my sonne Rychard Rowlinson showld pay to hir.—

CLVIII. MR. RAFFE GOWER TESTAMENT OF RICHMOND.

In the nayme of God, Amen, the xth day of May, in the yeare of our Lord God 1567, I Rauf Gower of Richmonde, of the dioces of Chester, essquiere,† of holl mynde and good remembrance, do ordaine and make this my last will and testamentt in maner and forme followinge. Fyrst, I bequiethe my soll to God Allmightye my Maker, Savioure, and Redemer, and my bodye to be buryede within the parishe churche of Richmonde aforesaide of the sowthe syde, nye unto the hye quere. Item I bequiethe to the churche worke for my lay bed, x s. Item I bequiethe for tyethes forgotten, x s. Item I bequiethe for mendinge the way before Rauf Smythe dore, xx s. Item I bequiethe to Anne my wyfe and to my sonnes John Gower and Roger Gower all my plaite, to be equallye devyded amongest theme. Item I bequiethe to my sonne John Gower‡ a steele chyst. Item I bequiethe to my said wyfe this

* It would seem that the dislike for Scotchmen had extended as far south as Yorkshire. In more than one place in the North no tradesman was allowed to have a Scotchman for his apprentice, and even to this day the old saw, "Hit him hard, he's a Scot," may be not unfrequently heard in a fray.

† Ralph Gower of Richmond was the second son of Thomas Gower of Stainsby, by .... daughter and co-heir of Sir Ralph Crathorne of Crathorne, and he married Anne daughter of Thomas Wray of St. Nicholas near Richmond, by whom he left two sons, Roger and John Gower. He was one of the head burgesses of the town of Richmond, and, like many of his kinsmen, was very deeply implicated in the confiscation of the possessions of the neighbouring monasteries. In 1539 he obtained a grant of the site and demesne lands of the Friary in Richmond; and in 1557 he bought of the Crown, for the sum of 660*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, being at the rate of thirty-four years' purchase, the site and part of the lands of the Abbey of St. Agatha at Easby. The testator, however, and his family, were not exempt from the misfortunes which those plundered lands almost invariably entail upon their possessors, for his son John Gower lost all his lands for high treason in 1569, and the descendants of his other son suffered very deeply for their loyalty in the time of the great rebellion. The testator was buried at Richmond on the 10th of May, 1567, and his wife on the 9th of June, 1572.

‡ John Gower was a zealous adherent of the two rebel earls in 1569, and forfeited in consequence the whole of the lands which his father had bequeathed to him but two years before. He was attainted for his treason, and in 1570 Lord Sussex solicits his life from the queen, and begs that he may be allowed to compound for his estates— "1. Because of the simplicity of the yonge manne, who symply was ledde to this his

churche besyde my auncesters, or els whear it please God to visite me at the discrecion of my executors. Item I give and bequethe to my sonne Richarde Goldisburghe his heires and assignes and to his and their onlie uses and behofes all thos the manors of Goldisburgh and Poole in the countie of Yorke, and all that the manor of Potterhanworth in the countie of Lyncolne, — and also all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments, rents, revercons and services, with th'appurtenances, in Goldesburgh, Pole, Criskell, Castley, Kexburgh, and Borowbrig, in the countie of Yorke, Potterhanworth in the countie of Lyncolne, Bampton Doly in the countie of Oxford, and also all and singuler other my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with th'appurtenances whatsoever, and whearsoever the same do lye, within the hole realme of Englande. — Also I give and bequethe to my sone Rauf Goldisburgh all my lands and tenements in Pole, with all and singler the appurtenances, issues, and proffetts therof, during his lyff naturall. And also I give and bequeth to my sone Rauf Goldisburgh the moitie and th'one half of all my lands and tenements in Banton Dolye in the countie of Oxforde, with all and singuler th'appurtenances, issues, and proffetts therof, during his lyff naturall. Also I give and bequethe to my doughters Anne, Johane, and Cecile Goldisburgh, yoyntlie together, all my fee fermes in Kexburghe during ther lyves naturall, and the lyf naturall of the survivors or survivor of them. Item I give and bequith to my servannte Thomas Mitchel one tenemente with the appurtenances nowe in his holding during his liff naturall without any rent paing, and if it fortune my servannte George Knaggs to survive hym, then I give and bequethe to George Knags the same tenemente during his lyf naturall. — Also I will that George Wynder be placed in the lodge with the appurtenances nowe in the tenor of his brother Edmunde according to my promyse (the beast gates uppon the more and in the feild onely except), whiche I will that the said Edmunde shall have and occupie. Item I give to the parishe churche of Goldisburghe xx s. in money, to be bestowed upon the reparacons of the same. Item I give to my sone Richard Aldburghe* one meyre with foill. Item I give ten pounde in

married Jane daughter of Thomas Boynton of Barmston, esq., by whom he left a large family.

* Richard Aldburgh of Aldburgh, esq., the head of one of the most considerable of the Yorkshire families, married Eleanor Goldesburgh, a daughter of the testator. He lived to a very great age, and saw his great-grandchildren around him; but he appears to have fallen deeply into debt in his old age, and his estates were, no doubt, sacrificed to his necessities. He makes his will 1 Aprill, 1612, at Ellingthorpe, and directs himself to be buried in his closet in Aldburgh church. He states that he (with his son and heir apparent William Aldburgh, by indenture dated 24 April, 3 James,) has assigned his lands, &c., in Aldburgh, Humburton, and Ellingthorpe, to Marmaduke Wilson of Tanfield, gent., and John Bousfield of York, draper. I have granted

money to be distributed amongst his children. Also I give unto William Aldburgh* his son one bay stagg going at Criskell to make him a nagg of. Item I give unto my uncle George Goldisburghe† one meyre with hill. Item I give and bequethe to my sone Richarde Goldisburgh my white gelding. Item I give unto Edmunde Lowson clerke, parson of Goldisburgh, xl s. in money.— Item I give unto Sir Oswold Wilstrope and my nevey Boynton, to eyther of them a gelding or a stoned horse to taike at their owne chose amongs my horses not bequeathed before. The residew — to my two sonnes Richard and Rauf Goldisburgh, whome I make my executors of this my said last will and testament. And I will desyre Sir Oswold Wilstrope and my nevey Boynton to helpe my executors in performance of this my will, and I do maike them supervisors of this my last will and testament. In witnesse whereof I have subscribed my name the day

the town-close in Humberston to Arthur Aldburgh (son and heir of my son and heir-apparent William Aldburgh and Elizabeth Holland, his wife, daughter of Richard Holland of Denton, co. Lancaster, esq. I have given to Richard Aldburgh (*a minor*), eldest son of Arthur Aldburgh, late of Aldburgh, the rectory of Kirby-on-the-Hill; to Lucy, my wife, 1000 marks; to Arthur Aldburgh all my armour, weapons, and plate; to Serjeant Hutton, esq., my speciall good friend, my best horse; to the youngest unmarried children of my son-in-law William Mauleverer, and the three youngest children of Arthur Aldburgh, 20*l*. [Prob. 13 September, 1613.] In his *Inventory*, his plate consisting of two gilt salts, two silver standing cups gilt, one silver saltseller parcell gilt, three silver beakers, two silver bowles plain, four silver cups plain, one sugar box of silver, a small silver spoon, a silver poddinger, fourteen great silver spoons, two great silver spoons gilt, being in all fifty-two pieces, weighing 186 ounces, at 4*s*. 6*d*. per ounce, is valued at 41*l*. 3*s*. 6*d*. His goods and chattels are valued at 495*l*. 9*s*. 8*d*.. He has in gold 116*l*. In money 231*l*. 0*s*. 6*d*. Lady Margaret Strickland, widow, owes him 46*l*., and he owes to Sir Timothy Hutton, for one year's rent of Ellingthorpe tythe, 6*l*. 13*s*. 6*d*.

* William Aldburgh, the eldest son of the above-mentioned Richard Aldburgh, makes his will 10 July, 1627, in which he is styled as being now of Knaresbrough and late of Ellingthorpe, esq. He directs himself "to be honestlye brought forth and fittinglie buryed in my ancestors' quyer, within y^e^ parishe church of Aldbrough. To Arthur Aldburgh my grandchild, sonne of Arthur Aldburgh my sonne and heire, and his heires one messe in Stonegate, in the parish of St. Ellins, York, and he to satisfie and paie unto my good cosen and frend William Phillippe, esq., councellor-at-lawe, and to his clarke, all such fees, &c., laide out by them for mee in my suite in y^e^ Dutche Courte, in the Starr Chamber, and at y^e^ common lawe."—Arthur Aldburgh, Exec^r^. [Prob. 9 May, 1628, and adm. to William Scruton tutori Thomæ Aldburgh fratris defuncti executoris.]

† George Goldesburgh of Goldesburgh, gentleman, in his will dated 27.... 1578, directs himself to be buried in the church of Goldesburgh, "neyre unto my ancestories and my wiffe;" one part of my goods emongs my fower children, Richard, Ed.... Ellen Goldesburgh, and Thomas Dewes chyldren; to Mary Goldesburgh one whyte cowe; to Dorothe Bicrofte one garded cowe, called Doll; to Edward Goldesburgh my bay nagge; to Thomas Dewes one bay filley; to Richard Goldesburgh one dune mayre; to Edmond Lawson y^e^ parson iij s. iiij d.: the residew into three parts, the first to the children of Edward Goldesburgh, the second to the children of Thomas Dewes, the third to the three children of Richard Goldesburgh. Inventorii summa 133*l*. 16*s*. [Prob. 22 Sep. 1578.] In 1582 Richard Goldesburgh was settled in Essex, and Edward Goldesburgh at Potterhanworth in Lincolnshire.

and yere abovesaid. Thes witnesses, Richarde Aldburghe, George Goldisburgh, and Edmunde Lowson clerke, with other. (*)
[Prob. 10 Oct. 1566.]

CLII. LANCELET GAYLE PAROCHIÆ DE SCRUTON.

May 9, 8 Eliz. I Lancelot Gaile,* of the parishe of Scruton, seake in body — my body to be funeratyd in the parishe churche of Scruton, as ny my father as I may be laid, even betwixt hym and the pulpit. Item I will that my frends and my neighbors that do offer with one the day of my buryall have a dyner at my house, and I wilbe keapt up one day and one nyght, yf God will permyt, unto suche tyme my frends be gaythered togyther, and I will that the poore people be levyd at the churche the day of my buryall at the discretyon of my frends, and I will that scollers have one peny a pece the day of my buryall to pray for me. Ferthermore I geave forgoten teythes x. . . . and to the reparacion of the churche viij d. Also I leave my sonne William Gayll my swerd and bucler, with all my buckes and especyally one bucke called the Terence, and forty shillings of money, and to be honestlye arayed wen he shalbe able to go to servyce — to my doughter Margerit Gaile at the day of hir marige to have a weddinge gowne geeven — to my wyfe one hamlinge maire.

* The testator was son of William Gale of Scruton, who made his will in 1556, by Elizabeth, daughter of .... Tennant, and was a member of a most respectable family of yeomanry, which, in the next century, gave birth to the two famous antiquaries, Roger and Samuel Gale. The testator would seem to have inherited by anticipation a little of the literary taste of his descendants, for he mentions his books in his will, and appears to have had an especial admiration for Terence. We have here another instance of that excessive merriment which was such a remarkable feature in the funerals of our ancestors, a species of revelry which, though some perhaps may consider it indecent and out of place, was only intended to be an act of charity and friendly hospitality. With this motive, no doubt, the testator breaks through all the long-established rules of custom and prejudice, and directs his body to remain unburied for a day and a night. So deeply rooted was this practice of hasty burial, that the body was always interred, if possible, within twenty-four hours after death. We have a remarkable and early instance of this feeling in the register of Richard Kellawe, Bishop of Durham, in which that prelate licenses the burial-ground of the chapel of Shafto, in the parish of Hartburn, for the following reason: "Cum ex intimatione vestra et assercione discreti viri perpetui vicarii de Herteburn acceperimus quod propter subitas ac frequentes aquarum inundaciones corpora mortuorum in dicta villa de Shafthouwe decedentium ad sepeliendum in cimiterio parochialis ecclesiæ vestræ de Herteburn deferre comode non potestis, unde multociens quamtriduam in domibus vestris fetent, adeo quod parentes filiis et filii sunt horrori." The licence is datedat Stockton, on the 6th of April, 13[illegible]3. Richard Thoresby, Rector of Winston, died at Aske in Richmondshire on the 7th of July, 1651, and was buried at his own parish church on the following day, although Aske is a considerable distance from Winston. Other instances may be frequently met with.

lij s. vj d. One salt with a cover xij. oz., lvj s. An other salt with a cover xij. oz., lvj s. A salt without a cover v. oz., xxiiij s. vj d. ij. trensher salts iij oz., xiiij s. xiij. postle spones xxv. oz., v l. xvj s. viij d. ½ dossune lyones and ½ doss. madine hedes xvj. oz., iij l. xiiij s. viij d. ij. doss. flat ended spones, xxviij. oz., vj l. x s. viij d. x. flatt endyd spoynes xij. oz. quart^{n}, lvij s. ij d. ij. playne cupps without covers ix. oz. and dim, xliiij s. iiij d. Summa, lxx l. xij s. x d. The *stable.* *Goods at Crosby cote.* Oxen, sheep, &c., lxxxiij l. xij s. viij d. *Goods at Easby.* Cattle, stock, crop, &c., cxxxix l. xj s. iiij d. *Goods and cattle at Richmond.* *Goods at Hudswell.* *Goods and cattel at Dawton.* *Goods in the Freers in diverse garners.* Summa tot. Dcc l. xj d. *Debts due to the testator.* Roger Cherye xix. phodres of leade at vij l. a phodre, cxxxiij l. Summa, cclxxiiij l. v s. vj d. Summa totalis, M.xxiiij l. xvij s. *Debts due by the testator.* To Mr. Richard Swaill of Eastbye, xxxvj l. xiij s. To the parson of Wyclyf, xx l. Summa debitorum, Dlxxxij l. xj s. And so remaines, cccc.xlij l. vj s.

CLIX. HENRYE KYGHLEY OF INSKYPP ESQUIRE.

June 28, 1567. I Henrye Kyghley of Inskypp, in the countie of Lancaster, esquire* — to be buried in the paryshe churche of St. Michaell upon Wyer, nyghe unto the place wheare my father was buryed. — Mary my welbeloved wyfe, and my trustie and welbeloved cosyn Mr. Cuthbeard Clyfton esquire, my executors. — I have made a deede of feoffamente bearinge date the daye of theis presents, wherebie I have enfeoffyd Edwarde Osbaldeston, William Hulton, Thomas Houghton, and Henrye Osbaldeston, gentlemen, of and in all my manors, &c., and they therewith to pay my debts, and to kepe them to the use of my wife and daughters till they come of age — they to pay to Anne my dau. 200 li. for her portion. — My executors to stand seized of my capitall messuage or manor of Inskippe during the life of Isabel Tempest, late wife of Henrye Kighley my grandfather, and they to pay her an annuity of 30 li. during her life, in recompense of her dower and joynture — and then to come to my wife, Anne my daughter, and my sonne or other daughter, if God send me one. — To my coosen Mr. Cuthberte Clifton xx^{ti} marks in monye and my best horse or geldinge. — To my welbeloved father in law

* Henry Kighley of Inskip, esq., the head of a great Lancashire family, married Mary daughter of Thomas Carus of Kirby Lonsdale, esq., a justice of the King's Bench, by Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Preston of Preston Patrick. To the little-known genealogy of his family the following will makes considerable additions.

Mr. Justice Carus xl s., and to my mother in law his wyef xl s. — To my suster in law M^ris^ Thorneborowe† halfe a dosen of sylver spownes, to be marked with H and K on th'ends. To my suster in law M^ris^ Anne Carus wyef of my brother in law Thomas Carus one other half dozen of sylver spownes, lykewyse to be marked. To M^ris^ Grysyle Carus my god doghter x li. and one half dosen of sylver spownes, lykwyse to be marked. — To my dere and welbeloved mother Elyzabeth Kighley xl li. To my suster Margeret Hulton xx li. To my suster Anne Kighley xx li. — Item I will that Thomas Kighley my servante after the decease of the said Robert Kighley shall have the howse and lands in Goldburne, now in the occupacion of the said Robart Kighley duringe his lyef, yeldinge and payinge to my heires the rents and services due and accustomed. — Further I geve to the said Thomas Kighley iij li. vj s. viij d. To my servant James Armetrydinge vj li. xiij s. iiij d. To my servant Peter Marseden vj li. xiij s. iiij d. To my servant Henry Richard vj li. xiij s. iiij d. To my servant womane Custons vj li. xiij s. iiij d. To Raphe Tomes servante to my mother iij li. vj s. viij d. To everye one of my servantes and to every one of my mother servantes at Lyghtshawe one houle yeres wages. — To my bretheren in law William Thorneborowe esquire, Thomas Carus, Richard Carus, and Christofer Carus, to everye one of them, x s. To my coosens Thomas Hoghton, William Clifton, Edward Osbaldston, and my uncley Henrye Osbaldeston, to everye one of them x s. Item to my welbeloved frend Richard Forster x li. to th'entent thei may remember me when I am departed hence. To my brother in law William Hulton twentie poundes. I do owe to my mother for timbre boughte of my uncle Johne Osbaldston x li. — Item I owe to Mr. Woursley for an anuall rent goinge out of a tenement of myne in Golborne, iij li. vj s. viij d.

INVENTORY 10 July, 1572 (*inter alia*). — One geldynge Mr. Clifton hade, worth vj li. xiij s. iiij d. — One garnishe of pewter and two newe fether bedd tikes newe comme from London, v li. One doson of sylver spones, iiij li. The tythe of Rosiker for fyve yeares every yeare x li. besydes ye rent, l li. — Rentes of Lancashyre and Yorkeshyre, dewe to Mr. Kyghley at the tyme of his deathe, xl li. . . . goulde rynges, vij li.

* Etheldreda, daughter of Mr. Justice Carus, and half-sister to the testator, married William Thornburgh of Hamsfield, co. Lancaster, esq.

CLXX. THOMAS ROKEBIE OF MORTHAM, ESQUIER.

The INVENTORIE of all the goods movable and unmovable of Thomas Rokebie, laite of Mortham, esquier,* praisid by iiij^{or} indifferrent men the iiijth daye of Auguste, in the yere of our Lorde God a thousannd fyve hundrith threscore and seven, and in the ixth yere of our soveraigne laidie Elizabeth, by the grace of God quene of Ynglond, Frannce, and Yrelond, defendor of the faithe, &c., viz. John Dicsonne, Thomas Mitchell, Rauff Cotts, and Christoffer Askewe.

* Thomas Rokeby of Mortham, esq., the worthy representative of the ancient and time-honoured house of Rokeby, a house which, as Whitaker most justly observes, cannot but be ranked in the highest rank of nobility among the Yorkshire families, for so much courage, patriotism, law, and piety, have rarely been assembled in one name. I cannot refrain from recurring to the often-quoted passage which occurs in that celebrated history of the Rokebys, which is styled the *Œconomia Rokebiorum*. In it the gentleman before us is said to have been "a plaine man as might be, whose words came allways from his heart without feigning; a trusty freind, a forward gentleman in the field, and a great house-keeper; whereby he lived soe in the good wills and good hearts of his countreymenn, that his sonne and heire, Christofer Rokeby, being assaulted at Gaterley horse-race by Christofer Nevile, brother to the mightie Earle of Westmorland, whom the said earle had sent thither with a hundreth menn to kill him, was both defended and guarded from the violence of his adversaries, and was able soe to have rebounded the blowes given him by them, that they shold have spilt the best blood in their bodyes if his partye had been willing, for then not a gentleman in the field but they cryed 'a Rokeby!' But the good old Thomas being in commission for the peace, commaunded and entreated peace (as he said), 'Give itt grieves me to see him bleed that bleeds, yet peace, the peace!' and therefore the kinge highly loved him that cold soe well gett the love of his countrye." In early life he was captain of Norham Castle, and had seen some active service on the borders; but he seems to have spent most of his days at Mortham, where he died full of years and honours, a perfect type of the old English gentleman.

He married Jane, daughter of Robert Constable of Cliffe, esq., and left by her four sons and five daughters. 1. Christopher, who served under his father at the battle of Musselbrough, and left a large family by Margaret daughter of Sir Roger Lascelles of Brakenbergh. 2. Ralph Rokeby, Senior Fellow of Lincoln's Inn, Master of St. Catharine's, "prope arcem Londinensem," who died a bachelor in his seventieth year, 4 June, 1596, and was buried in St. Andrew's Holborne. 3. Thomas Rokeby, founder of the family at Hotham, who was lieutenant of Norham Castle under his brother; and 4. Anthony. His eldest daughter Jane married Francis Wycliffe of Wycliffe, esq.; 2. Elizabeth married Thomas Gower of Stainsby, esq.; 3. Anne married John Dodsworth of Thornton Watlass, esq.; 4. ..... married .... Headlam; and 5. Margaret married Lancelot Lancaster of Sockbridge, esq. Mortham Tower is most picturesquely situated on a gentle eminence, near the confluence of the Greta and the Tees. It seems to be an exact copy of some fortalice which the grandfather of the Thomas Rokeby before us had seen during his services on the Scotish borders. It was probably built by Sir Thomas Rokeby, between 1470 and 1500, as a shield charged with the arms of his family, and bearing on it the initials T. R. (Thomas Rokeby) and C. R. (Catharine Strode his wife) is still preserved in its walls. Some additions, however, seem to have been made by his son Ralph Rokeby; and over a window in the east wing there are traces of a large shield of arms, which has been sometime coloured, giving quarterly, 1. Rokeby, 2. Danby impaling a coat ermine (?), 3. Same as second, 4. Same as first. There is also a sun-dial, with the date 1566. The arrangement of the rooms in the mansion and the accessory buildings is extremely curious and deserves a careful study.

In the *hall.* Inprimis, one longe table with iij. trissells, two formes, one chaire, v. quisshings, two coubbourds, with one coubbourd clothe, and one table clothe of grene wollen saye. Also the hangings in the hall of the sayme, two blacke bills, a leade mell, and two lesters, xxiij s. iiij d. Some, xxiij s. iiij d. In the *greate chambre.* Item one standinge bedde, a mattresse, a fether bedde, a bolster, two pillows, a paire of blanketts, one coverlett, a greate coveringe of oversie worke with the teaster of yelowe and russitte damaske. Also the curteins of yelowe and russitte sarcenette, lxvj s. iiij d. One cownter, a greate coubbourde, one litle rounde coubbourd with ther coubbourd clothes therunto belonginge, one chaire, iij. longe buffitte stooles, v. quisshings, hangings reade and grene saye, xxxiij s. iiij d. Somme, v li. In the *chambre within the greate chambre.* A standinge bedde, a fether bedde, one paire of blancketts, a bolster, a pillowe, a coverlette, a coveringe with buckerom curteins, xx s. The sayme chambre, a paire bedstocks, a mattresse, a bolster, a paire blancketts, a coverlette, a little coubbourd, a stoole of easse, vj s. viij d. Somme, xxvj s. viij d. In the *lawe parlor.* One standinge bedde, one mattresse, a fether bedde, a paire blancketts, a bolster, two pillowis, one coverlett, one coveringe of corsse worke with the teaster and curteins of grene and reade saye, xl s. Hangings paynted, xx s. A longe table with two trissells, two coubbords with clothes of grene saye for them, two chaires with certeyne buffitte stooles and a sconsse to set before the fyre, xvj s. Somme, iij li. xvj s. viij d. In the *chamber within the samye parlor.* One standinge bedde, one fether bedde, a mattresse, a bolster, a pillowe, a paire of blancketts, a coverlett, a coveringe with the teaster of grene and reade saye, xij s. A paire bedstocks, a mattresse, a bolster, a pillowe, a paire blancketts, a coverlette, a coubbourd with the coveringe, iiij s. Somme, xvj s. In the *middle chamber in the towre.* One standinge bedde, a mattresse, a fether bedde, a bolster, two pillowis, a paire blanckitts, a coverlett, a coveringe with the curteins of grene and reide saye. . . . A paire of bedstocks, a mattres, a bolster, a paire of blancketts, two coverletts . . . two quisshings . . . a covering . . . xx s. A paire bedstocks, a mattresse, a bolster, a paire of blancketts, two coverletts, v s. Two litle chaires, one quisshinge, one coubborde with a clothe of reade saye, xij d. Somme, xxvj s. In the *chamber where the saide Mr. Rokeby did lye.* His coubbourds, in gold and silver, xviij li. x s. ij d. One litle crosse of golde, xxvj s. viij d. His signett of golde, xiij s. iiij d. All his apparill, iiij li. One standinge bedde, a mattresse, a fether bedde, a bolster, two pillowis, a paire blancketts, and a coveringe with the teaster of reade and yelowe saye, xxxiij s. iiij d. A paire bedstocks, a

mattresse, a bolster, two blancketts, two coverletts, vj s. viij d. A chiste, half a dossen silver spoones with the postles heades, xl s. viij. silver spoones with lyon heades, xl s. Two silver gobletts with a cover, vij li. One flatte silver pece, xxx s. A silver salte with a cover duble gilte, liij s. iiij d. A silver salte with a cover ungilte, xl s. xix. silver spones moo, lxvj s. viij d. One longe silver spone with a forke in the end duble gilte, iij s. iiij d. In the sayme chiste xiij. paire lynnen sheits, two dyper table clothes, one dyper coubbourd clothe, one lynnen table clothe, two dossen dyper napkings, one dossen lynnen napkings, diper towells, and v. lynnen towells, xxxiij s. iiij d. xxiij. pillowe coverings, vj s. viij d. In another chiste ther, iiij. lynnen table clothes, fyve table clothes of femmell, xxxj^{ti} napkings of the sayme sorte, vj. towells, and two table clothes of the sayme sorte xxvj s, viij d. In another chiste in the sayme chamber, iiij^{or} paire of femell sheits and a paire harden, vj. sheits, iiij. duble kirchiffs, ij^{or} single kerchifs, hand napkings with other implements ther, xxxiij s. iiij d. v. basings and ewers, two wyne potts, two hand baisings, one litle pott and all of powder, xvj s. viij d. v. candelsticks of tynne and iij. of brasse, viij s. The hangings ther, vj s. viij d. Somme, liiij li. In the *chamber within the maides chamber.* iij. fether bedds, iij. bolsters, and xj. pillowis, xl s. In the sayme chamber a carpett, x s. vj. paire blancketts, viij. coverletts, and iij. mattresses, xxxj s. iiij d. One coveringe of oversee worke, xiij s. iiij d. Two presses with other implements, xiij s. iiij d. The maides bedds, x s. Two candle chists with candles, iiij s. Somme vj li. ij s. In the *low tower.* A standinge bedde, a mattresse, a feter bedde, one pillowe, one paire blancketts, a coverlett, a coveringe with other implements, xj s. Somme, xj s. In the *chambre for laborers.* In the sayme chambre two paire bedstocks, two mattresses, two paire blancketts, iiij^{or} happings with other implements, viij s. Somme, viij s. In the *servannts chamber.* Two paire bedstocks, two paire sheits, two paire blancketts, v. happings with other implements, viij s. Somme, viij s. In the *stable.* A paire bedstocks, a mattres, a paire blancketts, a bolster and two happings, iiij s. Belonginge the sayme stable his owne saddle and bridle with an old grisseld horsse, xxvj s. viij d. Somme, xxx s. viij d. In the *buttrie* . . . vj. napkings . . . ings . . . firkings . . . annds, two wodde bottells . . . and other implements, xiij s. iiij d. Somme, xxxvj s. viij d. *Wheate, rye, and malte in the garners.* In the garner above the greate chamber iij. quarters wheate, xlviij s. Rye in the other garner iiij^{or} quarters, liij s. viij d. In the sayme garner haver, iiij. bus. ij s. viij d. vj. gaddes of yron, xvj s. Other implements in the sayme garner, vj s. viij d. Hopps ther, vj s. viij d.

In malte, xl s. Somme, viij li. xiij s. iiij d. Saltefishe. xix. couple, xx s. Cheisses in the sayme garner, lxvij. old, xx s. Somme, xl s. In the *kitchinge.* In the lofte ther two garnisse puder vessell of the best sorte and ij. litle dublers belonginge to the sayme, xl s. In the sayme housse that is occupied dailie xj. dublers, vij. litle dublers, vij. sawsers, x s. In oitemeale a hoggesheade full, xiij s. iiij d. Talowe in the sayme lofte, viij s. Other implements, iij s. iiij d. vj. brasse potts, xxx s. One greate panne, iij. lesse panns, x s. Two chauffin disshes, two lattin laddles, two scomers, ij s. One droppinge panne, two cressets, iij. fryenge pannes, and an yron scommer, vj s. viij d. A brassinge morter and a pestell, ij s. Two greate racks, vij. spitts, a paire tongs, iij. rackennes, a gird yron, v. paire potkilpes, with other implements, viij s. iiij d. Somme, vj li. xiij s. viij d. In the *bachousse and brewhouse.* A great cawdron, vj s. viij d. One table, two chesse presses, one racken crooke, one yron scommer, one paire tonges, with other implements, iij s. viij d. Brewinge vessill, the leade and maskfatt, gilefatte, a coollinge fatte, a swete worte toube, iij. soies, two trowghes, with other implements, lx s. One bowtinge tonne, two kneeinge trowes, two temses, a bowgtinge clothe, a litle trowe, v. sacks for meale, with other implements, x s. Somme, iiij li. xx d. In the *milke housse.* One cawdron, two litle kettells, xx s. xiiij. milke bolts, xviij. chesfatts, iiij^{or} skeles, iij. chirnes, x s. iij. tubbs, with butter saltid, xvj s. In the sayme house iij. caiks of talowe, with other implements, xx s. Somme, lxvj s. In the *larder housse.* One saltinge vessill of leade, two other saltinge toubbs, with other saltinge vessill ther and other implements, xx s. The cole heape, liij s. iiij d. Somme, lxxiij s. iiij d. *The wayne and plow geare.* Two yron bounde waynes, two coupe bodies, a parcell of yokes and teames therunto belonginge, one wayne blaides, with other wayne and plow geare, iij li. One barrell of terre, vj s. viij d. Of olde swyne xij. two shoits, v. piggs, liiij s. viij d. Servannts bedes in the oxhousse, iiij s. iiij d. iiij^{or} gease and one stegge, iij s. Somme, vj li. vij s. viij d. *The corne growing on the grounde.* Bigge in the law feilde, v li. . . . haver in the . . . feilde . . . the Moore closse . . . and in the West closse. . . . Somme, xliij li. . . . *Cattell.* xvj. kye and xvj. calves, xxij li. xiij s. iiij d. Mo two strippe milke kye and vj. whyes, viij li. vij. kye and a whye at Stonesdaile, viij li. xviij. draught oxen, xxxij li. Of Rokeby Moore xx^{ti} stirks, xij li. At Stonesdaile xj. twinter stotts and v. twinter whyes, xvij li. At Middleham iiij^{or} stotts, two stirks, a bull stirke, a riggon, viij li. In Blenckinbus feilde v. fatte oxen, viij li. vj s. viij d. In the sayme feilde iiij^{or} fatt stotts, v li. vj s. viij d. A bull stirke, x s, Somme, c.xx li. xvj s. viij d. *Horsses and maires.* In kepinge

of Thomas Todde, of Stonesdaile, ten maires, xv li. In kepinge of the sayme two foles staggs, xx s. One yonge colte beinge a twinter, xxvj s. viij d. One olde stonid horsse, xx s. In the west parke at Midlam one gray geldinge, lxvj s. viij d. In the sayme parke one blacke geldinge maynid, xl s. An olde gray horsse at Mortham, xx s. One stonid horsse in Brignell parke, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. One colte of iij. yeres olde, lxvj s. viij d. One other blacke colte of the sayme yere, xl s. One colte stagge ther, lx s. Somme, xxxix li. xiij s. iiij d. *Shepe in the kepinge of Uxor Holme.* Of Mortham Moore in yowis and tupis, xx li. xiij s. iiij d. In the kepinge of the sayme vj. score lambes, xij li. In the kepinge of the sayme iiij^{or} score xvij., viij li. xx d. In blencking bus felde, xx^{ti} fatte wethers, lxvj s. viij d. In the sayme feilde xx^{ti} yowis, lx s. xiij. olde tale shepe, xxxiiij s. viij d. Of Rokeby Moore xxxviij^{ti} lambes in the kepinge of Clerkson, iiij li. xvj s. viij d. In the kepinge of the sayme xxviij^{ti} taile shepe, lxxiij s. iiij d. vj. score wethers in the kepinge of Raulf Barnigham, xxj li. xiijth score yows and gymmers in the kepinge of the sayme, xxxviij li. vj s. viij d. xxxv. wethers at Gilmonbie, in the kepinge of Aundersonne, xiij li. xiij s. iiij d. xj. score wethers at Stonesdaile, in the kepinge of Thomas Todde, xxxvj li. xiij s. iiij d. Somme, c.iij^{xx}vj li. xvj s. viij d. A leasse for terme of yeres, x li. Some, x li. Somme totalys, cccc.lxxxvj li. iiij s. v. . . . Funerells and charges of the . . . iiij^{xx} li. vij s. vj d.—iiij^{xx}vij s. vj d. Some, iiij ^{c}. vj s. vj d.

CLXI. TESTAMENTUM GEORGII NEVELL MR OF WELL.

In the name of God, Amen, the fourth day of September, the yere of our Lorde God a thowsande fyve hundreth threescore and seven, I George Nevill doctor of dyvinytie and maister of th'ospitall of Well,* of an hole mynde and perfite remembrance, makith this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowynge.

* George Neville, the thirteenth child and seventh son of Richard Lord Latimer, by Anne daughter of Sir Humphrey Stafford of Grafton, co. Worcester, was born on Sunday, the 29th of July, 1509, and was therefore, at the date of the present will, under sixty years of age. He probably took orders in early life, and must soon have risen to the highest preferment, as he could rely upon the support and patronage of the two great and noble houses of Percy and Neville. At the time of his death, in addition to the mastership of the hospital at Well, he appears to have held the livings of Spofford, Bolton, and Leake, in Yorkshire, Rothbury in Northumberland, and Salkeld and Morland in Cumberland. Rich, indeed, he was when he died, and, although his decease may, in point of age, be deemed premature, it may be considered a fortunate event for him; for had he survived but two short years he would have witnessed the total overthrow of those two princely houses with which he was so intimately

First I geve and bequyeth my soule unto God Almyghtie my cretor and redemer, the whiche onely I trust in his marcy and merits of his passion to have everlastynge life after this miserable worlde, and my body to be buryed within the queyr of Well churche nye unto the old Mr of Well, and to have a writyng gravyn above fixed upon the marbill stone ther and the old Mr. Threplande name ther on also.* Item I geve and bequyeth unto the churchewarke of Well, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item I geve and bequyeth unto the parishe of Spoforde xx li., to the parishe of Well xx li., to the parishe of Bolton xx li., to the parishes of Sawghell and Morland xx li., and to the pareshe of Burton Latymer xx li. Item I geve unto Sir Henry Percy and my lady his wife, and Thomas ther son, my godson, amongst them in olde gold, xl li.† Item I geve unto Mr. Cristr Wyvell‡ v li. To maistres Wyvell his wife iij li. vj s. viij d. To Mr. Marmaduke Wyvell and his wife v li. To the parson of Tanfeld xl s. To the parson of Kyrtlyngton xl s. To the vicar of Well iij li. vj s. viij d. To Mr. Hodgeson xl s. To Sir William Adamson xl s. To Sir Rauf Smyth xx s. And where I am lawfully possesside of one annuytie of xj li. ix s. v d., goynge furth of the maner of Nonmonkton for the terme of many yeres yet endurynge, I geve, will, and bequyeth unto Antony Chaloner xxvj s. viij d. parcell of the saide annuitie of xj li. ix s. v d. — Item I geve, will, and bequyeth unto John Wilsone xxvj s. viij d. parcell of the

connected and the ruin and dispersion of so many of his friends and kinsmen. A very interesting account of the state of the Hospital of Well during his mastership will be found in Whitaker, ii. 85.

* Richard Threpland of Well, clerk, makes his will, 4 June, 1552, and leaves ij *s.* to be distributed in alms among poor people immediately after his departure. He leaves to his niece Jenet Sympson the house in which he dwells, and his lease of a close in Longwith, which he holds of my Lord Latemer for terme of yeres; to Malde Starkey his sister, his furred gown; to Anne Willynson his sister, a side gown which hath no lining; to John Willynson his nephew, a short gown. Witnesses, Sir Robert Redshaw, Sir John Rokeby, and Sir John Robynson, his curates. [Prob. 19 July, 1552.]

† Sir Henry Percy was the second son of Sir Thomas Percy, who was beheaded in 1557 for his share in Aske's rebellion. After his elder brother was beheaded at York in 1570, he became eighth Earl of Northumberland. He appears to have inherited all the restlessness and intrepidity of his family, and was particularly energetic on the borders, where he was for some time governor of Norham Castle. He was also captain of Tynemouth Castle for a considerable period. When the rising in the North broke out he had the good sense to refrain from joining in that ill-starred enterprise, but his restless disposition did not allow him to remain long quiet. He was suspected of participating in the conspiracies in favour of Mary Queen of Scots, and after remaining for some time under the surveillance of the officers of Elizabeth he was thrown into the Tower, where, after a long and tedious imprisonment, he shot himself on the 21st of June, 1585, being the *seventh* Earl of Northumberland, and the *thirteenth* member of the family of Percy, who died by a violent death.

He married Catherine eldest daughter and co-heir of John Neville Lord Latimer, and the niece of the testator, by whom he left a large family.

‡ Christopher Wyvill of Burton Constable, esq., whose will occurs hereafter.

said annuytie of xj li. ix s. v d. — Item I geve, will, and bequyeth unto Henry Harlande xxvj s. viij d. parcell of the said annuytie of xj li. ix s. v d. — Item I geve, will, and bequyeth unto the said John Lambert xxvj s. viij d. parcell of the said annuytie of xj li. ix s. v d.— Also I geve, will, and bequyeth unto Thomas Scrafton xiij s. iiij d. parcell of the said annuytie of xj li. ix s. v d. — Item I geve, will, and bequyeth unto Sir Thomas Gill v li. parcell of the said annuytie of xj li. ix s. v d. — And if it fortune the saide Sir Thomas Gill or any other of my servants above writtyn unto whome I have geven any annuytie to dye affore my yeres of the afforesaid an^{tie} of xj li. ix s. v d. in Nonmonkton be fynished and ended, that then the said annuities of them so disceased and deid to be distributed to the poore people within Well parishynge, to whome as shall be thought most mete by the sight and appoynment of my executors. Item I geve and bequyeth unto my sead servants Antony Chaloner x li. to John Wilson x li. to Henry Harland x li. to Antony Sympson x li. to Thomas Scrafton iiij li. Item I geve unto Agnes Freer v li. To Anne Key xx s. To John Cooke with his wagies x s. To Wynde with his wagies xiij s. iiij d. To John Browne xx s. To Thomas Wade with his wages xiij s. iiij d. To Buccle with his wages x s. To Agnes Freer with hir wages xiij s. iiij d. To Ware with his wages x s. To Waynman with his wagies x s. To Marmaduke Emondson v li. To Robert Barkus xl s. To William Morland xx s. Item I geve and bequyeth unto Sir John Nevill x li.,* and v. marks for hymself. Item I bequyeth xx. marks to be bestowide by my executors for mendynge of briggs and hye wais. Item I geve unto Susan Nevill, if she be lyvyng, iiij li. To Mary Nevill xl s. To Mr. doctor Sygewike iiij li. To the poore people at my buryall and for the dyner xx. marks. To my executors x li. a pece, except those rewarded and appoynted in a bill. Item I geve unto Sir Henry Percy halfe the tithe corne of Spoford, for the delapidacions and his goodnes shewid unto me. Item I geve unto Mr. doctor Carter xl s. And I geve, will, and bequyeth unto my trusty servants Antony Chaloner, John Wilson, Henry Herland, John Lambert, and Thomas Scrafton, those iij. parts of my fermehold of Leake, in iiij. parts devided, whiche I have in myn owne occupacion, to have and to hold unto them durynge all my interest and terme of yeres inthe same; and the iiijth parte therof, beyng nowe in the occupacion of Richard Danby, I geve, will, and bequyeth unto the said Richard Danby, durynge all my interest and terme of yeres in the same. Also I geve unto the said Richard Danby xl s. Also I geve and bequyeth unto the lady

* Sir John Neville of Liversedge, married to his first wife Dorothy daughter of Sir Christopher Danby, the niece of the testator.

Jefforth fyve marks. And I geve unto my nephos Francis Norton, John Norton, Edmunde Norton, William Norton, George Norton, Crist. Norton, Sampson Norton, and Marmaduke Norton,* xl li. to be devidid equally emongest them. Item I geve and bequyeth unto Mr. Myghell Wandisford xl s. And to George Wandisford my godson,† other xl s. Item I geve unto my nece Mary Lambone‡ liij s. iiij d. Item I give unto my nepho William Danby§ xx li. To my nepho James Danby xx. marks. And I geve unto my nepho Marmaduke Danby xx. marks. Item I geve unto Sir Thomas Scoot iiij li. Item I will, geve, and bequyeth unto John Wandisford clerke, Hen. Hodgeson clerk, and Leonard Bateson clerk, all my bokes, certen books whiche are called the course of Lyra whiche I will shall remayne into the churche of Well onely excepted. Item I geve, bequyeth, and will that my executors shall pay all suche summes of money and bequests as ar writyn and conteynyd in a cedall or bill hereunto annexed. The residewe of all my goods, my will fulfilled, by detts and legacies contented and paid, I geve unto Syr Henry Percy, knyght, Richarde Norton, Crist. Wyvell, and Crist. Danby, esquyers. Witnesses hereof, Hogo Hodgsonus, Thomas Scottus clericus, William Firbie, Thomas Hutchenson, John Anderson, Marmaduke Lemynge, John Pikerynge yonger.—George Nevile.

[Prob. 4 Nov. 1567. Adm. to Richard Norton, Chr. Wyvell, and Chr. Danby, esqrs., potestate committendi Henrico Percy militi.]

* Susan Neville, the fifth daughter and seventh child of Richard Lord Latimer, was born on the 28th of April, 1501, and married Richard Norton of Norton Conyers, esq., the patriarch of the rebellion in 1569. He, with most of his family, joined in the ill-fated enterprise with so rash an impetuosity, that on the failure of the insurrection he and his sons were especially marked out for vengeance.

> Thee, Norton, wi' thine eight good sonnes,
> They doom'd to dye, alas! for ruth!
> Thy reverend lockes could thee not save,
> Nor them their faire and blooming youthe.

Christopher Norton, however, his seventh son, was the only member of the family that was put to death; of the others one or two were pardoned, and the rest, together with their aged father, escaped abroad and died in exile.

† Michael Wandisford, fourth son of Thomas Wandisford of Kirklington, esq., by Margaret daughter of Henry Pudsay of Barford, esq., married Isabel daughter of Rowland Place of Halnaby, esq., and the George Wandisford who is mentioned here was probably his son.

‡ Mary daughter of Richard Norton of Norton Conyers, esq., by the sister of the testator, married Henry Grene of Newby, esq., and after his death, in 1557, she re-married John Lamborne, who was deeply implicated in the rebellion of 1569.

§ Dorothy, the second daughter and third child of Richard Lord Latimer, was born on Palm Sunday (27th of March), 1496, and married Sir Christopher Danby, by whom she left a large family. The family of Danby was more or less concerned in the rising in the North.

Provid alwaies that whatsoever I shall put or cause to be put in this cedall any bequest more then is in this my will or mynyshe any thynge therin contenyd to be effectuall, and my executors to performe the same.* Item I will that my nepho Cristr Danby shall pay xx li. to my nepho William Danby his brother and discharge the will therof, or els I will that he shall be none of my executors, any thyng above mencioned not withstandynge. Item I geve and bequyeth unto my brother and my sister Danby xxvii li. vj s. viij d. whiche he owith me as apperith by his bills therof. Item I geve unto my nece Lucy Nevill v li. Item I geve and bequyeth unto Richard Danby xx s. by yere owt of my annuytie whiche I have in Scampston, Relyngton, Benyngton, and Flixton. Item I geve and bequyethe unto Marmaduke Emondson other xx s. of my said annuytie whiche I have in Scampstone, Relyngton, Benyngton and Flixton, so that he wilbe orderid by my executors and the vicar of Well, and els all my gifts and bequests to be void and of none effecte. Item I forgeve my nepho Sir Thomas Danby all the dett whiche he owith to me, and I do geve and bequyeth unto hym besydes that iiij li. to by hym a nag withall, and other iiij li. unto his son my godson. Item I geve unto my nece Calverley† iiij li. Item I geve unto my nece Mennell xl s. To my nepho Cristr Danby wife xl s. To my goodson James Danby son xl s. Item I geve unto Mr. Deane vicar of Christs Churche in York iiij li. Item I will, geve, and bequyth xl li. to be geven unto the said vicar of Crists Churche if he can fynde the meanes at my lorde archebishipe; hand that Sir William Adamson Mr. of art or som other honest man may be placed in my rowme and be maid the maister of the hospitall of Well, and occupy the same in like maner as I did in my tyme as trew as he can unto the foundacion of the same, and if he cannot so optayne the busynes that then this my gift to be of none effect. Item I geve unto the porest of my nepho Hopton children iiij li. And whereas I have in the custody of Mr. Cristr Wyvell certen summes of money that he shuld pay unto my frends and servants suche gifts, legaces, and bequests as ar writen both in cedall and a dede of gift, my speciall will is that my executors shall first pay with the same summes all the same legaces and bequests unto my said servants as ar conteynyd in the same cedall as far forth as they will reache. And whereas I have affore appoynted in my will unto Sir Thomas Gill v li. of annuitie

* The following schedule is attached to the preceding will.

† Joan daughter of Sir Christopher Danby, married Roger Mennell of Halnaby, esq.; Anne Danby, another of his daughters, married Walter Calverley of Calverley, esq.; and Margaret Danby, a third daughter, married Christopher Hopton of Armeley Hall, esq.

owt of Nonmonkton as is afforesaid, my will is if the said Sir Thomas fortune to dye before the yeres therof be fully expire[d], that then my executors to apoynt an other preist to have the same for so long tyme as my interest therin doth last. George Nevill.

Inventorium omnium bonorum et debitorum Magistri Georgii Nevill sacræ theologiæ doctoris ac nuper magistri hospitii de Well infra diocesin Chestriensem, quæ fuerunt sua et sibi debita hora mortis suæ, estimata per indeferentes viros et fide dignos, viz. Richardum Danby, Johem Milner, Lancelotum Danby, et Jacobum Turner, iiij° die Octobris, A° Dñi 1567.

His goods at Well. In the *great chamber*. In the gret chamber vij. fether beds, v l. vij. bolsters, xx s. x. blankets, xvj s. vij. coverlates, xx s. Two bed coverings, iij l. iij. iron bun chestes, xx s. One prese and iij. pare of shetes, xx s. Two pyllowes, iij s. vij. quishinggs, x s. ij. velvet quishings, v s. One standing bed, vj s. viij d. ij. blankets of fustiane, ij s. One chaire x d. one poyder pot, xiiij d. iij. candlesticks, v s. One bayson and yewer of poyder, v s. vj d. One fyer pane, vj d. One chamber pot, vj d. One clothesack, v s. One standydg, xviij d. Summa, xv l. ij s. viij d. The *parlor*. One standing bed and iij. hangyns of say, xx s. One carpet, iij s. One cobbord, xiiij d. One long table, xij s. iij. chaires, ij s. One pare of regalls, xx s. One pare of virgenals, x s. iij. bufet stooles. . . .

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Fyve pare of shetes, xij s. . . . ij. ketles and iij. pannes, x s. One brase pott, iij s. v. skells and ij. butterkitts, ij s. xij. bowles and one chirne, ij s. xxvj. cheses, x s. iij. wh^a^moks and ij. stands, xij d. One falsk vj d. iiij. chesfatts, xij. wooddyshes, ij. sinkes, ij s. One awle for lyeing of chese in, xij d. ij. crokes of iron, vj d. Butter, ij s. One bushell, ij. pecks, one halfe peck, ij s. Summa, lvij s. iiij d. The *butterie*. iiij. table clothes, iiij s. vj. table napkins, xij d. vj. candlesticks, vij s. viij. jugges and xij. cannes, iij s. One tunnell and iiij. firkins, xij s. ix. hogsheades, v s. iij. spũrging tubbes and ij. seayes, ij s. ij. barrells and one tumyll, ij s. j. salt kyt, xvj d. One basin and ewer, ij s. . . . kettles, chistes, leades. Summa, liiij s. x d. The *oxe howse*. One mattres with a happin, ij s. ij. codds with a window clothe, xij d. One pare of shetes, xij d. Sm̃a, iiij s. The *femans chamber*. One fetherbed and one bolster, viij s. One coverlate and one blanket, ij s. One pare of shetes, ij s. One mattris, iij s. One cod and one covering, xij d. One pare of shetes, xviij d. Summa, xvij s. vj d. The *kychinge*. viij. platters and viij. dyshes, xx s. iiij. pottegers and iij. saycers, iij s. xv. plate trenshers,

vj s. viij d. One chafindyshe, iiij d. One brassill morter and one pestell of yron, viij s. Two pare of rackes, ij s. One pare of tonges, xvj d. iij. crookes, xij d. One drissing knyfe, iiij d. vj. pottes, iiij. of brasse and ij. of tin mettell, xx s. One caldron and one ketle, viij s. ij. pannes, xvj d. One fryen panne, xij d. . . . . spetes. Summa, iiij l. ij s. iiij d. The *clok chamber*. One fatherbed, one bolster, and one codd, v s. One pare of shets, ij s. vj d. One hapen and coverlate, xvij d. Summa, ix s. The *buttler chamber*. One featherbed and one bolster, xij s. One pare of shetes, iij s. One pare of blankets and one coverlet, v s. Mr. *Hodgshon's chamber*. One fatherbed and one bolster, xiij s. One pare of blankets and one pare of shets, v s. One coveringe and one covelate, xx s. Summa, xxxviij s. In the *preasse in the great chamber*. ij. dyaper table clothes, xv s. ij. towells of dyaper, ij s. xj. dyaper napkins, ij s. ij. covered potts, xij d. iiij. glasses, ij s. One juge glasse, viij d. One skarlyt gowne, xx s. One worsted cassock, v s. One blake velvet cassock, xl s. Two olde velvet cotes, xiij s. iiij d. One flowre damask jaket, vj s. One grogram cassocke, xvj s. One tawny taffaty cassock, v s. iij. blake clokes, xxx s. One tawny satten doblet, iiij s. One blake satten doblet, viij s. One old doblet with satten sleves, ij s. One Devinitie hoode, ij s. v. cappes, v s. ij. velvet hattes, iij s. iiij d. One pare of hose, iij s. iiij d. One old blake gowne furred with connye, v s. One russells gowne, v s. Two old cassacks, ij s. lx. yeards of canves at iiij d. a yard, xx s. xv. yeardes of lynnen clothe at viij d. a yard, x s. One old dyaper clothe, xv d. One fyne shete, v s. iiij. pilloberes, iiij s. One shirt, xvj d. In the *studdy*. One boxe presse, xvj s. One grete chist in the studdy, ij s. vj d. One warming pan, xx d. Two platters, one gret charger and iiij. plates, iiij s. One dyshe for eggs, viij d. One stand and ij. peces of brasse mettell, ij s. viiij d. Summa, xiij l. vj s. ix d. The *plate*. One standing coppe doble gilte, ij. saltes doble gilte, iiij. lytle broken saltes, ij. dossen silver spones, and one silver bowle, xv li. In coyne, cc.v li. The *garner*. Of whet xij. qr^{t}. viij li. Rye, v. qu^{r}. iij l. xij s. One cage and bird in yt, vj s. Otmeale, v s. iij. dossen gyrthes and one chist, ij s. Fethers, xij d. Malt, ij. qrs. xxvj s. Summa, xiij l. xij s. *His quicke goods at Well*. One whit ambling gelding, xl s. One trotting gelding, xl s. One gelding which ran at Hornby, iij l. One ambling gray nag, xxxiij s. One stoned horse, xxv s. One whit meare and hir fole, xx s. One blake meare and hir fole, xx s. One yong gray meare, xxx s. ij. old meares, x s. a pece, xx s. One blake horse, iij s. One yoong trotting gray nag, xxv s. ij. trotting gray horse, xl s. One old gray horse, xv s. xvj. kyne, xxiij s. iiij d. a pece, xviij l. xiij s. iiij d. One bull, xviij s. xxj. wark oxen, xxiiij l. x s.

v. stotts, iij l. vj s. viij d. Fyve wyes, iij l. vj s. viij d. xxiiij. rammes and rygadds, lv s. viij d. cc. yewes, xxvij l. v s. c.xxiiij. hoggs, xij l. c.xlix. wathers, xxij l. x s. viij d. ij. gotes, vj s. viij d. iij. brawnes, ix s. vj. hoggs, xx s. viij. sewes, xxiiij s. iiij. shotes, iiij s. In the yngs one stacke of hay, xx s. In the fawde head one stack of strawe and hay, xxij s. In the parkes one stacke of hay, xxv s. In the oxe closes ij. old stackes, xxxiij s. iiij d. In the same closes one new stack, xx s. In the parkes one lytle stack of old hay, vj s. viij d. In the stubbing close one stake of hay, x s. In the hudd howse one mew of hay, xiij s. iiij d. Hay in the barne and stable, xxx s. In the barne by estemacion x. qrts. vj l. Rye in the barne by estimacion, x. qrs. vj l. Barley in the barne by est. xxvj. qrs. xij l. Otes by est. x. qrs. l s. Pease by est. ij. qrs. xv s. In the woolhowse, iiij^{xx} xx. stone of wooll, xxx li. ij. yron bun wanes with yeokes and toames, with the rest of the plew gere, iij l. iij. pare of new wane blades, vij s. iiij. plew beames, with axes, spads, and other huslements, xij s. One grindstone and one windoclothe, iij s. In the kilne, one seastron and one kilne hare with the huslements belonging therto, xij s. vj d. In the brewhouse, iiij. leades for kealors with the rest of the huslement ther, xxviij s. x d. Two leades and one mashing tubb, xl s. One gyle tub, ij. kealers . . . . . Summa, cc.xviij l, iij s.

His goods at Spofford. In the *garners*. Wool, pease, barley. In the *great chamber*. Whet iij. qrs. xxxij s. One bedsted, vij s. vj d. In the *parler*. One table, j. chaire, ij. tressels, xvj d. In the *buttery*. iiij. hogsheads, iiij s. ij. old bedstedes and one windocloth, ij s. iiij d. In the *chamber over the hawle*. One bedsted and one fatherbed, xviij s. &c. Logs of wood in the court yard, xvj s. In the *barne*. Wheat, rye, barlye, otes, pease, hay. — One copbord cloth of dornex, ij s. In the *chamber over the hawle*. — Summa, c.x l. vj s.

His goods at Leake. Oxen, stotts, kyne, stirks, calves, horses, ploughs, &c. &c. Corn of all kinds, &c. Summa, liiij li. . . . .

His goods at Rothbury. Rye, hay, tables, and formes, by estimacion in the chambers, xxxiij s. iiij d. Summa, iiij li. xij s.

His goods at Saughyd. Rye, byge, otes. Summa, xiiij l. iij s. iiij d.

His goods at Morland. Otes, xvj s. The *bookes* geven by legacie to John Wandisforth, Hew Hodshon, Leonard Batson, clarkes and unprased. *Debts* which ys owing unto hym of Northumberland . . . . Mr. Clowghe, x l. Mr. Dynnys Plompton, x l. S^{r} John Baytman, v l. . . . . Summa, c.xxx l. x s. viij d. *Dettes* which he owithe. For curattes wagis of Saughild, Morland, Bolton, and Rothbury, xvj l. The curet of Spofforth, for his halfe yeares wagis and allowans for gathering and leading of

tythe, xiij l. To Mr. Slingesby, xl l. Sarvantes wages and lyverie .... To shearers, haymakers ....

CLXII. TESTAMENTUM ELIZABETHE LAYBOURNE.

November 17, 1567. I Elizabethe Layburne, of Skelmeserghe, in the paroche of Keldall, and in the countie of Westmerland, wyddowe* — my bodie to be buryed in my parish church. Item whereas my brother Thomas Warkope† did tayke a lece of the parsonage of Lancaster in the first yere of the reigne of our soveraigne laidie Quene Elizabethe that nowe is by her highnes letters patents for one and fortie yeres, and my layt husband Nicholas Laborne did bye the same leters pattents of my said brother Thomas Warcopp, and I grauntinge the same to my cosinge Frannces Tunstalle of Aldcliffe — I by virtue of thes presents do give and bequethe all the propheths of the same with certayne lands of my husband bequests in his last will to be tayken and had to the onlie use and prophett of my doughters, that is to saye, Elizabethe, Juliane, Brigitt,‡ and Dorithe, and the same propheths to be tayken yearlie by the hands of my brother Thomas and Sir James Dugdall my servande, and thei to paye to my said doughters fower hundrethe pounds of currant monie of England equallie to be devided amongste them. — Item I will that my servente Sir James Dugdall shall kepe house with my children so long as yei will be ordred by him duringe the minoritie of my sonne James Layborne, and I put the holl order and governannce

* The testatrix was a daughter of John Warcop of Smerdale, esq., by Anne daughter of Geoffrey Lancaster. She married to her second husband Nicholas Layborne of Cunswick, esq., the eldest son of Sir James Layborne of Cunswick, whose will has been already printed, and had by him six children. A fragment of her husband's will is still remaining, dated 19 July, 156.. in which he directs himself to be buried in the church of Lancaster. He mentions his brother Francis Tunstall, and leaves to his son Francis Tunstall 40*l.* when eighteen. To his wife Elizabeth his lands in Skelmser and Sleddell, till James his son be of age, and the tythe corne of Skelmser to pay his debts. His daughters to marry at the discretion of his wife. His cousin Carus owes him 75*l.* "The right honorable and my spetiall good lord my Lorde Mountegle, my cossyn Walter Strickland esquire, and my brother-in-law Master Thomas Warcoppe, supervisors. Lord Monteagle, my brother-in-law Richard Dukkett, Mr. Richard Redman of Gressingham, Chr. Carus, Charles Leyburne, &c., witnesses."

† Thomas Warcop. esq., of Smerdale, the brother of the testatrix, was the last of his family. He married Elizabeth daughter of Rowland Thornburgh, and left by her two daughters and co-heirs. Frances his eldest daughter married Sir John Dalston of Dalston in Cumberland; and Agnes the younger married Talbot Bowes of Eggleston Abbey, esq., the second son of Sir George Bowes, who died childless, and was buried at Barnard Castle, 14 February, 1637-8.

‡ Bridget Layborne was the second wife of Arthur Phillip of Brignal in Richmondshire. On the 14th of March, 1575-6, administration of her goods is granted to her husband for the use of Elizabeth Phillip her daughter, being a minor. Her other sisters do not appear to have been married.

of all my children to my right worshipfull brother Mr. Thomas Warcoppe, and to my welbeloved servante Sir James Dugdall, to thei come of lawfull age to order theimselvels. Also whereas I have bought the wardshipe of my sonne James Layborne* of my brother Thomas Warcoppe, and paid for him, I will the said wardshippe shall come and be unto my brother Thomas and my said servante Sir James Dugdall, all the prophetts therof in as large maner as thei were granted by the Quenes Highnes letters patence to my said brother Thomas, toward the mariage and educacion of my doughters and bringinge them upp together in house. — Item I will my detts and legaces be payd of the prophetts of my goods. Item I give and bequethe unto my servante Sir James Dugdall xx^{s} anuallie, to be taken up of and upon my leandes which I have in lese duringe his naturall lyfe. Item I give to Thomas Crosse x^{s} for his paynes tayken with my children — my welbeloved brother Thomas Warcoppe and my said servand Sir James Dugdall myne executours, and I mayke my cosinge Allen Bellingham† and my cosinge Anthonie Dukkett,‡ esquiers, supervisors. — In witness wereof to this my present last will and testament I the said Elizabeth have set to my seale and deliverede the same in the presence of Thomas Crosse, Ambros Warton, Anthonie Warriner, with other moo. (*)

CLXIII. LEONERD RUDD OF EASBYE.

June 23, 1568. I Leonerd Rudd, of Easbye§ — my bodye to bureyd where my frends having oversyght of the same shall think moost meyt. Item I beqwythe to my sonne Anthonye Rudd my lease of Watsonfeyld for fower yeares, beginning at Sainte Clemnesse last past. Item I geve unto my dowghter Dorethi Rudd to hyr maryage fortye pounds yf she marrye after the advice of my brethren Richerd Swaile and Jhon Rudd in full contentacion of hyr chilld porcyon, bot yf she will not follow ther advice bot take hyr owen fantecye then I will she shall have hyr

* James Layborne, the eldest son of the testatrix, married Bridget daughter and co-heir of Sir Ralph Bulmer. He appears to have died without issue, and the family estates descended to William Layborne, his younger brother, who is not mentioned in the present will.

† Alan Bellingham of Helsington, esq., whose will is dated in 1577.

‡ Anthony Ducket of Grayrigg, esq., the son of Richard Ducket of Grayrigg, esq., by Catharine, daughter of Sir James Layborne of Cunswick, and the sister-in-law of the testatrix.

§ A respectable yeoman, who appears to have thriven in the world. His sister Dorothy married Richard Swale of Easby, whose will occurs hereafter. The children, about whom the testator appears so anxious, are mentioned again in their uncle's will in 1577, and he, too, seems to have his fears about the conduct of his nephews.

portion as yt shall fawll with the rest of hyr brethren. Item I will and bequethe all the rest of my fermolds not beqwythed to my brethren Richerd Swaile and Jhon Rudd for the bringinge up of my thre sonnes Jhon Rudd, Roger Rudd, and Richerd Rudd at scole, unto siche time as my sonne Jhon Rudd* shall accomplyshe the age of xxj^{ti} yeares, and then I will that my said brethren shall lawber to get to the use of my sonn Jhon Rudd. Item I geve to the redefying of Catryk bridge xl s. Item I geve to Bowton churche xx s. Item I geve to Middlton churche v s. Item I geve unto Sir George Bowes knyght, a pece of gold of a strange coyne. Item I geve to my sister Swaile my ambling black mare. Item I geve to Robert Wyeld, of Longe Cowton, x s. Item I geve to Dorethe Phillupp x s. Item I geve to Vincent Simpson v s. Item I geve for the mending hye wayes abowt Uccorbye x s. Item I geve to Mrs. Laysinbye one Frenche croune. Item I geve to my yong Mr. Mr. Anthony Bowlmer my best twinter gray horse going at Kowton graing. Item I geve to Mr. Anthonye Bowlmer th'elder one Frenche croune. Item I geve to Mr. Harre Bowlmer x s. Item I geve to Mrs. Margret Bowlmer their syster x s. Item I geve to my cossin Percevell Phillupe x s. Item I geve to Mrs. Gower one Frenche croune. Item I geve to Miles Bowes and his wyf x s. Item I geve to Doctor Sygewyck one Frenche croune. Item I geve and bequeth to Jhon Crosbye one Frenche croune. Item I geve to Ranold Swaile v s. Item I geve to evere servand in the howse xij d. Item I geve to Sir William Burdon ij s. and to Robert Thomson xij s. Item I will that Bartillmew Rogerson yf he can be gotten and wilbe ruled shall have one tenemente in Bowton, the whiche I have kept for hys use, meaning he shold have had yt yf he wold have threven, yf he cannot be gotten, then I will that Jhon Rogerson hys elder brother shall have yt during the lease ther of maid which lyeth in my copbord at Uccorby. Item I will that Ealse Bankes dowghter of Richard Bankes shall have hir lease and hir porcion accordinge to the true meaning of hir father's will. Item I will that my brother Richerd Swaill and my brother Jhon Rudd shall have the letting and costodye of hir goods and ferming to hir use duringe hir minoretey. The rest

* John Rudd of Uckerby, gentleman, makes his will 8 March, 1579, and directs himself to be buried at Wensley. He leaves to Brygeat his wife his lease of Uccarby and Watsonn fyld; to his uncle John of Easbye his lease of Cutton Grange for eight years; to his brother Richard Rudd his farmhold in Uccarby, geven unto him by the last will of his uncle Rychard Swayll, after the death of Dorothye, wyffe unto the foresaid Rychard Swaill, *lait deceased;* to his mother-in-law Anne Phillips, lait wyffe unto Parsavell Phillippes, x l.; to his brother-in-law Thomas Phillope, iiij li.; sister-in-law Anne Phillip, xl s.; sisters Jane, Mary, and Dorothy Phillip, each xl s.; to his ante Dorothy Swaille, x li., which her husband, my uncle, gave me. My wife and my uncle John Rudd, my executors. *Inventory*, 8 April, 1580. Sum 208*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*

— to my thre sonnes Jhon Rudd, Roger Rudd, and Richerd Rudd whome I make my hole executores — my brethren Richerd Swaill and Jhon Rudd be the supervicers of this my last will and testament, and that they have the costodye as well of my children goods as the bringing upe of ther bodyes unto siche time as they com to lawfull yeares of age, and yf anye of my said chilldren be obstenat and will not be ordred by my brethren, than I will the said childer to lose the benefyt of hys executorshipp declared heretofore. Item I will that my bringing forth shalbe at the dyscreshon of my brother Swaill, my brother Jhon Rudd, and the rest of my frends as thay shall think conveneant — and this to be the true, just, and last will of me Leonerd Rudd. I shall both reqwest and dessyer these three honest men to be wittnesses and records hereof: Sir William Bordon clerk, Wylliam Nycollson, and Robert Thomson clerk.

CLXIV. TESTAMENTUM WALTERI STRICLANDE DE SYSER.

In the name of God, Amen. 23 January, 1568. I Walter Strykland,* of Syserghe in the county of Westmerland, esquyre, being holle of bodye and of good and perfyt remembrannc — to Alyce my welbelovyd wyffe all my capitall mesuage and mansion howse of Syserghe in the countye of Westmerland aforsayd, with

* The only son of Sir Walter Strickland of Sizergh Hall by Catharine, one of the three daughters and co-heirs of Sir Ralph Neville of Thornton Briggs, co. York. His father died on the 9th of January, 18 Henry VIII., leaving him a minor; and he was in ward to the king till the 29th of Henry VIII., when he had livery of his lands. In the 5th of Eliz. he was knight of the shire for Westmerland. He married Alice, daughter of Nicholas Tempest of Stanley, co. Durham, esq., and relict of Christ. Place of Halnaby, esq., whose will has been already printed. The testator died in the 11th of Eliz., and his widow married again to her third husband Sir Thomas Boynton of Barmston, whom also she survived. The testator left an only son Thomas and two daughters Alice and Ellen Strickland.

Sizergh Hall is an excellent and stately specimen of an ancient fortified mansion, and has attracted Dr. Whitaker's especial admiration. Although it has been considerably modernized, the great tower on the north front, bearing on it the arms of Strickland quartering Deincourt, still remains entire; and many of the rooms in the interior still retain their ancient furniture. The principal bed-chamber is named after Queen Katharine Parr, who is said to have lodged there; and the beautiful wainscoting of the different rooms, and several most elaborately carved and inlaid beds, bear witness to the magnificence of the illustrious family of Strickland. The tower was probably built by Sir Walter Strickland, the father of the testator; but we are indebted to the good taste of his son for the splendid furniture which is still remaining. "It would be well," as Dr. Whitaker gracefully observes, "if those who suppose themselves to be copying the mansions of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, by vile imitations of woodwork in coloured plaster, would study such genuine models as Sizergh; endeavour to apprehend and to feel the effect of originality, and to be deterred at once from attempting to imitate the inimitable. It is a study which at once would save their estates, and teach them to be contented with the attainable elegance and propriety of modern houses, unspoiled by the mania of Gothicism."

all my howses, beauldyngs, orchards, gardyngs, and yeards to the same belongyng, and also all thos parks and inclosed grounds in the sayd countye, known and called by the names of Syserghe park, Lakrig park, Brygster park, and Natland park, and also all other my lands, tenements, rents, revercons, and heredytaments in Helsington, Syserghe, and Lakryg in the sayd countye of Westmerland, being accompted, reputed, and taykyn as part or parcell of the demaynes of Syserghe aforsayd, and nowe in the severall and manewell occupations and possessions of me the sayd Walter Strykland, and of John Langhorne, Myles Boroo, Edward Spycer, Robert Wylson, Charles Jakson, Robert Makareld, Wylliam Broune, the wedoo of Edward Gyll dysseaced, the wedowe of Rychard Bagley dysseaced, and the wedowe of John Langcaster also dysseaced, to have and to hold all and synguler the premisses to my sayd wyf and hir assignes for and dewryng the terme of hir lyf naturall, and after hyr dysseace I wyll that my brother in lawe Thomas Tempest* and my cousen Thomas Strykland† shall have all and singuler the premisses for and duryng so many yers of seointure from the feast of Saint Martyne in wynter last past as shall at the death of my sayd wyf bee unexpired, to the intent that they with the proffets therof shall pay yearly duryng the sayd years unexpired after my sayd wyves death the some of twentye and foure pounds of lawfull Englishe money unto the executor or executors of my sayd wyf, or the sayd xvij. yers expired I gyve all and synguler the premises to Thomas Strykland my sone‡ and to his heires for ever. Item wheras I have demysed all the resydew of my lands and tenyments in the sayd county of Westmerland unto my sayd brother in lawe Thomas Tempest, and to my sayd cousen Thomas Strykland for termes of dyvers years yet endurynge, reserving for the same the yearlye rent of one hundred twenty-sex pounds foure shillings and two pence of lawfull Englishe money, I do nowe by this my wyll gyve and devise unto the sayd Alyce my wyf forty pounds yearlye percell of the said rent of cxxvj li. iiij s. ij d. to be yearly payd unto hyr by the sayd Thomas Tempest and Thomas Strykland, ther executors, admynestrators, or assignes, for and duryng so many years as ther

* Thomas Tempest was the son and heir of Nicholas Tempest of Stanley, esq., and married Elizabeth daughter of Rowland Place of Halnaby, esq. He died on the 20th of July, 1578, and was buried at Lanchester.

† Thomas Strickland, called Sir Thomas Strickland by Burn and Nicolson, and stated by them to be the brother of the testator, resided at Sizergh during the minority of his nephew.

‡ Thomas Strickland, the only son of the testator, was under age at his father's death, and was not out of his minority till the 23rd of Eliz. In 43 Eliz. and 1 James he was knight of the shire, and on the 24th of July, 1 James, the king created him Knight of the Bath. He was twice married, and left issue by both wives. He died about the 12th of James I.

terme in the premisses shall contynew towards the paiment of my debts and performannce of this my wyll — Item I gyve unto the sayd Thomas Strykland my sone all my playt, beddyng, hangyngs, pewter vessell, brasse vessell, spytts, and all other utensills of howshold stuffe and furnyture of howse which shalbe and remayne at and within my howse at Sysergh aforsaide at the tyme of my death, the same to be delyvered to the sayd Thomas my sone when he shall come to the age of twenty and one yers, and my sayd wyff to have the use and custody of the same untyll my sayd sone come to the sayd aig of xxj. yers yf he lyve so longe* — Item yf my sayd doughter Alyce being of th'aige of fyftene yers or above do forton to marye durynge the lyf of my sayd sone Thomas, or duryng the lyf of anny heir of his body begotten, and the sayd maryedge not to be mayd agaynst the wylle of my sayd wyf, then I wyll that my sayd doughter Alyce shall have payd unto hir by myne executor the some of one thowsand marks of lawfull Englishe money, as a legacye in preferment of hyr maryedge for and in consyderation and in full contentacon and satysfacon of all hir chyld's part and filiall porcon of my goods — Item if my doughter Elyn do not marye contrary to my sayd wyves wyll and assent, then I wyll that the some of two hundred pounds of English money shalbe payd by myne executor unto my sayd doughter Elyne — Item I wyll and bequethe unto Dorathe Plaice my sayd wyves doughter† hir own wardship maryedge and lands frely to hir owne use without paynge anny thing therfor, so that she be ruled and advysed towching hir maryedg by my sayd wyfe. The resydew — to my sayd wyfe Alyce whom I mayk and ordeyne my solle and onlye executrix of this my last wyll and testament. In wytnes whearof I have herunto set my seall and subscribed my name, the day and year fyrst above wrytten. Thes being wytnesses, John Plaice, Thomas Tempest, George Smytheson prest,‡ Thomas Proctor, Wylliam Sadler, John Huchinson, Edward Redshaw. [Prob. 15 April, adm. to Alice his widow. (*In another hand*).—Test. proved by my M^r^ in Lancashire, Westmerland, and Comberlande about his first enteringe into the office.]

* The wardship, custody, and marriage of Thomas Strickland, was purchased of the Crown by his mother Alice Strickland, then styled of Halnaby, for 700*l.*, soon after his father's death.

† Dorothy Place was one of the five daughters and co-heirs of Christopher Place of Halnaby, esq., the former husband of the wife of the testator. She married Sir Francis Boynton of Barmston, whose father, Sir Thomas Boynton, married her mother for his second wife.

‡ From the names of the witnesses the present will would seem to have been made in Yorkshire, either at Halnaby or at Middleton Tyas, the stronghold of the Smithsons.

The INVENTORY* of all and singular the goods and cattells that was the right worshippfull Waltar Strikland esquier prised upon the bouke othes of Richard Collinson, Robert Briggs, Thomas Bateman and Petar Saule, the xxvijth dai of Apprell anno Domini 1569.

At SISSEGHER. Inprimis xxij. oxen, xxxiij li. Item xij. kye and a bull, xv li. iij s. iiij d. xvj. calves, v li. x s. iij. stotts and vj. quies of iij. yere olde and upwarde, vij li. ix. stotts and quies ij. yeres and more, v li. iiij^{or} worke horsses and a meare, vj li. A horse and iij. mears, liij s. iiij d. iij. geldings, ix li. xij. olde swyne, iiij li. ix. holdinge pigs, ix s. v. younge piggs, iij s. In pultrye, viij s. ij.c. weddars and eight, xlj li. vj s. viij d. vij. topes and iij. riggalds, xxxiij s. iiij d. A c. yoes and ij. great with lambes, xxij li. vij s. iiij d. vij. yoes great with lambe, xxiij s. iiij d. lxxxv. geldid yoes with lambe, xj li. xiij s. iiij d. lx. gymar hoggs, viij li. x s. xxviij. weddar hoggs and iiij^{or} riggalds, iiij li. x s. viij d. In the *two new chambers in the new warke.* Tallowe, xl s. In the *west chamber.* liiij ^{ti} stroke wheate, x li. xvj s. In the *next chamber to yt.* vij. stroke, xxviij s. In the *chamber next to the kitchen.* xx^{ti} stroke wheate, iiij li. In the same chamber a queile, vj d. In the *new barne.* xxiiij ^{ti} busshells bigge which cam frome Natland, iiij li. Haver barrowid and unbarrowed bye estimacion xv. quertars, x li. x s. l. stroke queat unbarrowed, x li. xij. sacks and ij. wyndow clothes, xv s. Seiffs, rudills, iiij. skottills, a hoper, and vj. sand pokes with iij. great swilles, iij s. viij d. ij. barked horse skyns and one unbarked, iij s. iiij d. iij. plowes with their ireons perteyninge to them and plowes withe oute ireon in the *oxen house*, and x. ireon temes and foite wedies, xxxiij s. iiij. pair tuge wethies, iij. harrows, vj. pair torthe wethies, xij. yokes for oxen and iij. ireon shackills, xiij s. iiij d. ij. cowpes, xiiij s. ix. coverlets, vj. blanckats, vj. sheits, iii. matterases, iij. bolsters, iij. pair bedd stocks, xl s. Gavelocks, iij. hacks, iiij. axes, iij. wombles, iij. shod forks, v. shode shules, ij. pitche forks, a brear crooke, a dosen of sickles, xviij s. In the *cowe house.* iij. olde coverlets, a pair blanckets, a pair sheits, a mattaras and a bolstar, x s. In the *warkhouse stable.* iij. coverlets, a pair blanckets, a pair sheits, a matteras and a balstar, xv s. Wantoues, v. sadles, haltars, vj. pair trasis with girthes, xiij s. iiij d. In the *courte and other places.* vij. cares, viij. pair hoits, ij stone sledds, viij s. iiij d. In the *kilne garner.* xx^{ti} busshells bigg, iij li. vj s. viij d. xxxv. busshells of bigge molte, vj. li. ij s. vj d. xxviij. bushells haver molte, iij li. In

* From the following large and most valuable inventory we may see that the testator had made considerable additions to Sizergh Hall. He has a splendid array of plate and household goods.

the *kylne*. lx. bushells of molte toward makinge, x li. A new hempe roipe and an olde one, iij s. iiij d. Kilne hare, xx s. In the kilne, horse corne, vj s. ij. peat spades and a flainge spade, x d. In *haye in the haye barne*, xvj s. ij. close barrowes and vij. other barrowes, ij s. vj d. iiij^{or} steice, v s. In his *owen stable*. iiij^{or} hackney sadles with stiripes, girthes, v. bridles, v. brest garthes, iiij. housinge clothes, xx s. One sumtar sadle, one trouncke sadle, a male pillo, and ij. male girthes, xvj s. One pair bedd stocks, a mattres, ij. coverlets, one pair sheits, one bostar, xij s. v. hyve of beise, xv s. xxiiij^{ti} acres haver seid and ardow, xix li. iiij s. Tathe ledd and unledd, v li. In the *olde nurse house chamber*. ij. pair bedd stocks, ij. mattaresses, ij. bolstars, iiij^{or} coverlets, ij. pair blanckets, ij. pair sheits, xxx s. In the *lofte over the olde mylke house*. iij. pair bedd stocks, iij. mattarasses, v. coverlets, ij. pair blanckets, ij. pair sheits, ij. bolstars, xl s. In *Langhorne chamber*. ij. coverlets, a countar poynte, a pair of sheits, a pair blanckets, a pillow, a pair bedd stocks, x s. In *Tayl3or chamber*. A pair bedd stocks, a pair blanckats, a fether bedd, a pair sheits, a bolstar, ij. coverletts, xxx s. In the *woman house*. A pair bedd stocks, a coverlet, a pair blanckets, a sheite, a codde, vj s. ij. woodd bassons, xij d. iiij. arks and a stande, iij s. iiij d. Kitchanfe, xx d. In the *maids chamber*. ij. pair beddstocks, a mattaras, iij. coverlets, a pair blanckats and one pare sheits, xviij s. A hoggsheide and a tubb, ij s. In the same chamber an olde chest, xij d. In the *new mylkhouse*. Bords and ij. trises, xx d. xiij. bassones, iiij. chesfatts, ij. chirnes and a mylke stande, vj s. viij d. A caldron and two panes, xxx s. ij. chests, a borde, and ij. trises, xiij s. iiij d. ij. gallans, ij. skeills, ij. weshing tubes, a wood bottell, xx d. In the *drye lardarer*. ij. fleshe fatts, viij. hogsheids, a tubb, and two litill tubes, xv s. In the *kitchen*. A brass mortar, a pestall, x s. viij. ireon speits, xiij s. iiij d. An olde bras pott, xij s. iij. bras potts, a postnet, xxiiij s. iij. creshetts, ij. rostinge ireons, a kokle pane, a pair tonngs, x s. iij. latten laddills, a bull axe, a hance axe, a fryinge pan, a skomer, and a fleshe crooke, iij s. iiij d. vij. pans and an olde caldron, xxiiij s. A bread gratar, vij d. xliiij. pece pudar and ix. sawsers, xl s. In the *pasterre*. A garnishe London vessell, l s. x. London platters, xix. pudar disshes, and viij. chargars, lvj s. ix. playts in pudar, vj s. viij d. vj. spice playts, v s. xij. podishers and ij. counntarfeits, ix s. ij. pudar bassons, iij s. ij. pudar potts, iiij s. ij. olde pudar bassons, a cullan, ij s. In the *buttarre*. xxiij. bras candilsticks and vj. tyn candillsticks, xxix s. iij. bassons and iij. uares, xj s. v. great pudar potts, xiij s. iiij d. iij. quarte potts for wyne, iiij s. iij. tyn solts, xij d. xxiij. pudar playts, ix s. In the *lawe buttare*. xxj^{ti} hoges heids, a barell,

iiij^{or} droppin tubbes and a tune tubbe, xxvj s. viij d. A cuborde, iij s. iiij d. In the *brewhouse*. ij. great leads, ayerlomes. A allmerye and an olde arke, x s. A mashe fatt, a gilefatt, a kelar, xxx s. A knedinge tubbe, ij. soes, and a boutinge tubb, iij s. iiij d. A great garnar, an irelome, xxx. busshells meale, iiij li. x s. A girdle and a brandarathe, v s. In the *lords chamber*. iiij^{or} diaper clothes, xl s. v. towells of diaper, xiij s. iiij d. iij. diaper cobuttar clothes, xiij s. iiij d. iij. dosen and x. diaper napkyns, xxvj s. viij d. xv. lyn table clothes, vj li. viij. lyn cuborde clothes, xvj s. iij. lyn touels, xxx s. xx^{ti} pare lyn sheits, xj li. xxxij. pillowes, l s. iij. pare harden sheits, xij s. vj. pare harden sheits mo, xiij s. iiij d. A throwen bedd of woodd, a fether bedd, a mattaras, a bolstar, a pare blanckets, a coverlett, a clothe of arrowes curton with drawinge of saye, xlvj s. viij d. ij. trickle bedds of woodd, a fether bedd, a bolstar, xx s. A chaier, iij s. iiij d. xij. dossen lyn napkyns, l s. xij. harden table clothes, xvj s. In the same chamber *playte*. One tune conteynynge viij. cuppes, a silver salte, and vj. spones parcell gildit weyinge lxxxxvj. ounces, and iij. quertarenc, at v s. vj d. the ounce. Some, xxvj li. xij s. vj d. A basson and an uer percell gildit, weyinge lxxx. ounces querteren and half quartaren, at v s. vj d. the ounce. Some, xxij li. ix s. A nest of iij. gildit potts, weyinge liij. ounces, at vj s. iij d. an ounce. Some, xvj li. xij s. ij. lyvaraye potts, weyinge lxxxvj. ounces, at v s. iiij d. the ounce. Some, xxiij li. iiij s. vj d. One standinge cupe, weyinge xxiiij. ounces and a quartar gildit, at vj s. vj d. the ounce. Some, viij li. xij. spones gildit ends, weyinge xxv. ounces and a half, at v s. viij d. the ounce, marked with W. and S. Some, vij li. v s. viij d. A dossen spones ungildit, vj li. A silver spone for a childe, ij s. A standing cuppe gilte, v li. A nest of bolles and one haithe a cover, xj li. A gilded ball, liij s. iiij d. ij. salts and one haithe a cover, bothe gilded, vj li. A silver cup and a salte parcell gildid, which doithe belonge to Hanabye, v li. One pair fustion blanckets, xiij s. iiij d. ij. peces sayes frenges and rings, v li. A rumland white fustion, viij s. iij. chests and a tmacke, xxx s. In the *next chamber to yt*. One chest, a sware borde, ij. buffett stoiles, postea. In the *lord's chamber*. ij. litill chests, v s. In the *chamber where Thomas Proctar lyes*. A throwen bedd, a fether bedd, a bolstar, a pare blanckets, a pair sheits, a coverlett, a countar poynte, sparvar hangings of ȝallowe and reade saye, xlvj s. viij d. In the *good wife chamber*. A bedd stocke, xl s. In the same chamber. A fether bedd, a pair sheits, a pair blanckets, a pillowe, a coverlet, a countar poynte, l s. A pair beddstocks, a fether bedd, a mattaras, a bolstar, a pair sheits, a pilloo, a pair blanckets, ij. coverletts, and a countar poynte, liij s. iiij d. A queile bedd, a fether bedd,

a mattaras, a bolstar, a pair sheits, a pair blanckets, ij. coverlets, and ij. pillowes, xxxj s. viij d. vj. buffett stoilles and ij. litill chayers (*blk.*) In the *gallarre chamber.* A wheile bedd, a fether bedd, a mattaras, a bolstar, a pare sheits, and ij. coverletts, xxxiij s. iiij d. v. c. and lx. yerds of lyn and harden, xxvij li. ij. buffett stoiles and a sware table, v s. In the *inarmer chamber in ye hye towar.* A throwen bedd and a wheile bedd, a matteras, a fether bedd, a pare blancketts, a pare sheits, a coverlet, a countar poynte, a bolstar, and a pillo, l s. A sware bord and a chaier, vj s. In the *next chamber to yt in the hye towar.* A throwen bedd, a mattaras, a fether bedd, a pair blanckets, a pair of sheitts, ij. coverletts, and a bolstar, xlvj. s. In the same chamber. A wheile bedd, a mattaras, a fether bedd, a pare of sheits, a pare blanckets, ij. coverlets, and a bolster, xxx s. In the *inar chamber in the mydle towar.** A walnot tre bedd, iij li. A fether bedd, a mattaras, a pare sheits, a pair blanckets, a coverlet, a countar poynte, a bolster, and a pillo, iij li. vj s. viij d. A trickle bedd, a mattaras, a fether bedd, a pair blanckets, a pare sheits, a coverlet, a counter poynte, and a bolstar, l s. A cubborde and a buffett stoile, ij s. vj d. Item in the *outer house in the midle tower.* A waynscote bedd and a queile bedd, xl s. A mataras, a fether bedd, a pare blanckets, a pair sheits, a coverlett, a counter poynte, and a bolstar, iij li. A throwen bedd, a mattaras, a fether bedd, a pair blancketts, a pare sheits, a coverlet, a countar poynte, a bolstar, a sparver of moone damaske, iij li. A cubborde, iij s. iiij d. iij. pillowes, iij s. In the *lawe towar.* A matteras, a bedd of downe, a bolstar of the same, and ij. pillows, iiij li. ij. coverlets, a pair of fustion blanckets, xviij s. A wheile bedd, a matteras, a fether bedd, a bolster, a pillo, a pair blanckets, a pair sheits, ij. coverletts, l s. A clothe grene, vj s. viij d. A carpet clothe and a cubborde, xx s. A table clothe of carpat worke, xxvj s. viij d. A countar poynte, xxx s. A tabill clothe barnnecks, v s. A dossen buffett stoiles, xij s. A cubborde, x s. iij. chaiers, vj s. viij d. A sware borde and iiij. short furmes, xj s. A longe table, x s. In the *lowe chamber under the hall where Mr. Robert Morlaye lyes.* iij. throwen bedd stocks, xviij s. ij. matteras, ij. fether bedds, iij. bolsters, iij. pare blanckets, iij. paire sheits, v. coverlets, ij. countar poynts, and iij. bolstars, v l. In the *valte.* ij. fleshe tubbes and salte, ij s. In the *chamber where Mr. Tempest lyes.* A throwen bedd, v s. A fether bedd, a mattaras, a pare blanckets, a pare sheits, a coverlett, a countar poynte, a bolstar, a pillo, a testor of olde sattan and damaske, iij li. vj s. viij d. A chayer, xvj d. In the *chamber*

* This room may be perhaps identified with Queen Katharine Parr's chamber, and we have here no doubt one of the magnificently carved and inlaid beds which Dr Whitaker so justly admires.

under Mr. Tempast chamber. A litill bedd of woodd, a fether bedd, a bolster, a pair blanckets, a pare of sheits, and a coverlett, xxx s. vij. pudar potts for chambers, vij s. In the *chamber next Mr. Tempast chamber where thei dyne.* A dosen best quishans, xx s. vj. lawar pryce quishans, vj s. viij. quishans mo, v s. One table, vj s. iiij^{or} short furmes, vj s. A dossen buffet stoiles, xij s. ij. chayers, iiij s. A cubbord and a counter, xij s. A fyerforke and a pair tonngs, iij s. ij. grene clothes for a table and a cubborde, vij s. In the *woman house.* In a chest, one testar of olde velvet and grograrye, with frenge, xx s. iij. fyne fether bedds teicks, with bolstors, vj li. ij. coursar fether bedds teicks, with bolstars, xx s. iiij. elnys convas, ij s. Lyne, v s. In the *bruehouse.* Kitchenfe and tallow, l s. In the *hall.* One table standing overwhart, x s. ij. syde tables, xx s. viij. furmes, xij s. A cubborde in y^{e} baye wyndowe, vj s. In the hall chymney ij. andyrons x s. A chaier, ij s. vj d. A pair tonngs, a fyer pronge, iij s. iiij d. At Croskrake. vj. quarters of bigg, vij li. iiij s. In Lawgarrige. ij. quertar and v. busshell of bigg, iij li. iij s. At Natland. ij. quarters and a halff of bigge, iij li. At Mylnethrope. ij. querters and vj. bushells bigge, iij li. vj. s. xij. strocke wheat, xlviij s. All his reparell gownes, jackets, dublets, hose, clokes, and cappes, xxx li. All thes parcells of goods above writen did belonge at Syesjar which doithe amounte to the some of cccccc.lx li. xj s.

Thes be the Inventorye of the goods and cattels that did belonge at Hanabe, prised bye Brian Smytson, Richard Robinson, Symonnde Askew, and Christofer Parker, the vjth daye of Maye, anno Domini 1596. Inprimes xvj. oxen, xxvj li. xiij s. iiij d. xix. kye and one bull, xx li. ix. kye and theire calves, xij li. xxvij. stirks x li. iiij s. vij. score and iiij^{or} yowes and lames, xxviij li. xvj s. xiiij. geld yowes and vj. topes, iij li. iij. horses, ij. meares, vij li. ix. swyne, xxxvj s. xxiiij. acres harde corne and xxiiij. acres of haver, xxiiij li. xx^{ti} quertars queate, xvj li. viij. whertars rye, vj li. viij s. xxij. whertars haver molte, x li. ij s. viij d. xviij. qwertars haver, vij li. One querter pease, x s. ij. wñne waynes with ij. plewis and all things thare unto belonginge, liij s. iiij d. Y^{e} beefe, xxxiij s. iiij d. Some of this noite viij^{xx}xvij li. xvj s. viij d.

At Medleton Tyers. Inprimes xviij oxen, whereof ij. is comed to Hanabye, xxij li. x s. iij. kye and their calves, iiij li. iij. kye, iij li. xxij. acres harden corne, xj li. xx. acres of haver, v li. ij. waynes ireon bounde, and ij. plewes with all things thare unto belonginge, iiij li. Some of this noite xlix li. x s.

At Seamar. Inprimes vj. score threfe of harde corne, ix li. v. score threfe of haver, v li. In pease x s. Some xiiij li. x s.

At KEPWITHE. Item iiij^{or} kye, iiij li. iij. hundrithe wedders, lx li. Some lx li. iiij li.

At HANABE. Inprimes course lyn sheits xij. pare, xlviij s. xxx. pare harden sheits, iij li. vij. dossen course table napkyns, xiiij s. A dossen course pillabers, iiij s. xij. harden table clothes and drissinge clothes, xij s. vij. course table clothes, vj s. viij d. v. course meslinge towells, iij s. viij. course cubbord clothes, iiij s. *Of the fyne sort.* xvj. pare lyn sheits, v li. vj s. viij d. xxviij. pillabers, xxvj s. iij. dossen table napkins, xiij s. iiij d. iiij. cubbord clothes, v s. iiij d. vij. towells, xiij s. iiij d. vij. tabill clothes, xx s. One olde diaper table clothe, ij. towells and on old cubbord clothe, vj s. viij d. xl^{ti} yerds lyn clothe, xxvj s. viij d. Harden clothe, xl^{ti} yerds, xiij s. iiij d. Some of this noite xj li. xj s. iiij d. One garnishe pudar vessell, xl s. xviij. pudar disshes, ix s. A dossen of poddisshears, vj s. A dossen and a halfe sawsars, iij s. ij. dossen olde playts, xij s. ij. dossen playte trinshers, iiij s. iiij. tyn candillsticks, and ix. latten candillsticks, viij s. ij. tyn flaging bottells, vj s. viij d. ij. chests, x s. x. playne beddstocks, x s. iij. stande bedds, vj s. xiiij. fether bedds with bolstars, x li. xxxij. mattarasses, l s. xvij. bolstars, xx s. xx^{ti} pillows, xx s. xxx^{ti} pare blanckets, iij li. lx. coverletts, iiij li. viij. coverings, iij li. vij. carpets, xxx s. iij. dossen quisheans, xij s. The bras vessell in the kitchen, xxvj s. viij d. Somme of this noite xxxiij li. xiij s. iiij d. Some total of all the hole goods which was at Hanabe, ccc.lviij li. xiij s.

At THORNTON BRIGE, 7 May, 1569—

Inprimes ij. oxen and iiij^{or} drawen stoits, xj li. One great oxe of ten yere olde, iiij li. xij. stots of ij. yeres olde and one bull, x li. viij s. x. quyes that hathe calves and is with calffes, xij li. x s. xj. quies at xv s. a pece. Some viij li. v s. xx^{ti} yowes and lames, and iij. gelde yowes, iiij li. x s. lxxix. fat wheders and iij rames, xxij li. x s. xv. hogs, l s. ij. geldings one daple gray and the other soreld, xvj li. One yonge gray amlinge gelding, iiij li. iij. yonge graye amlinge nags, x li. One graye amlinge colte of iij. yeres olde, xxx s. One baye meare, ij. fills, iiij li. One ireon bonde wayne and shackill, iiij. teames iiij. yokes with the tyer, xxx s. One stoned yonge horse, iij li. xiij s. iiij d. One fille and one stagge at Letbye, liij s. iiij d. Some of thes goods at Thornton brige afore writen amountith the some cxviij li. xix s. viij d. Somme totall of the hole inventory, xj^{c}. li. xxxviij li. . . . . of the (funeral expenses of Mr.) Strikland; c li. iiij s. *Detts oweinge to hym.* Wm. Sheppard of Natland for woull, lxxiiij li. More owinge upon the detarmynacon of the awditt in anno 1569 of dyvers personns, xxxiiij s. iij d. Grissummes of dyvers tennands, xx li. iiij^{or} fuddar of leade, xxvj li. xiij s. iiij d. Summa totalis premissorum, M.ccc.lxiiij li. xj s. iij d.

Theise be the DETTS that the said Waltar did owe at the dai of his deathe as followithe. Thomas Strikland of Nyañzar lviij li. vij s. x d. To Lawrenc Alderson of his waiges xviij li. xij s. xj d. To Robert Byndles, iij li. xx d. To Frannc's Jackson for laste paymente of playte, xvij li. vj d. Received for the feliall portion of John Yeatts and dew to hym, vij li. x s. x d. Received of ye feliall portion of John Deaken, dew to hym, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. To Elizabeth Knype of hir waiges, iij li. ij s. viij d. The feliall portion of Petar Nealson, sonne of Edward, viij li. vj s. viij d. To Edward Taylzer upon his accompte, iij li. iiij s. viij d. To Myles Burrowe for lyn clothe, xiij s. viij d. To Jenat Cowpland, wedow, for one cowe, xx s. To Owswolde Medcalff for Killington parke . . . cattell, v li. In servand waiges at Siesergh and Hanabe, xj li. iij s. viij d. In rents owinge at Siesergh and Hanabie, xxxvij li. xiij s. iiij d. To the vicar of Kendall for Easter rack-enyngs, 1569, xvij s. vj d. To the parson and vicar for mortuari, x s. In funerall expences, jc xlvj li. vj s. j d. Sum of the detts ccc.xxxj li. xij s. So remains Mlxxx.ij li. xix s. iij d.

CLXV. WILLIAM BENSON OF KENDAL.

INVENTORY. 3 February, 1568. Imprimis in golde and money, ix li. vj s. iiij d. v. score and iiijor ounces and holfe a ounce playte, xxij li. x s. A clothe arrowes, v. coverlets, an olde clothe arrowes, v. pair blanckets, ij. counter close, xlv s. In wyer, xij d. In white paper, ij s. x d. In bouks, xvj s. Horse corne, iij s. A hackney sadle and bridle, vj s. iij. axis, ij. wombles, a quert sawe, a ireon steddie, a crook for a grunstone, a handsawe, a lawrn', a pair pynsers, xiiij s. A burde nett, xij d. A bell, xxvj s. ij. lade sadles, ij. wantoues and girthes, v s. Wood and borne in ye prevaye, v s. In the hai lofte, woodd and trifles, x s. A dosen trynshers and blotinge paper with a last trynshers, iij s. iiij d. A cobord and a pryser where he laye, xxx s. Mets and messors, xviij d. In swarffe, xxviij s. Ireon in the shope, xx s. In tallowe, vj s. A tune entye kaske, ij s. vj d. Wood on Wilkins backside for fyer, xx s. Ashe stangs in the same house, xij d. xxxij. stone wooll and yerne, ix li. xij s. Meale, lvj s. Strake queate, iiij s. viij d. Some of the detts, c.xlviij li. xiiij s. iij d. Some de claro, cc.lxx.v.v li. xv s. ix d.

CLXVI. JOHN RONSON TESTAMENT OF TROWTBECKE.

In the name of God, Amen. The xvj. day of February . . . . of our Lord God, a thousand fyve h . . . . skore and viij. I John

Ronson,* of Trowtbeck, being sore . . . . ed wyth sekness in my body, ferynge y^e^ . . . th drowing neare and yett being of good and perfytte memorye, laud and prayss be to God, maks and ordeyns this my . . . and last wyll in maner and forme as foloweth. Fyrst and prycipall . . . . I geve and beqweathe my soll unto m'cifull hand of . . . ghtye God our saveyoure Jesus Chryst and to our Ladye Saynt Mary, and to all y^e^ celestiall courte in heaven, and I wyll . . . my body be buryed wythe in y^e^ church of Troutbeck paying my dewe for y^e^ same. Forther I geve and beqwethe Gennat and Elizabeth my two doghters ayther of them, xij. shep. And I geve unto Peter Byrkhed my goodson my gray meayr, my botes, my clok, and a gaycott, and every one of hys chylderyng a yoiwe. And I geve and beqwheth unto Jhames Brathwhat yowgest doghter a yoiwe. And I geve and beqweth unto Myles Byrkhed doghter lam. And I geve and beqweth unto Antony Borwyck a boke skyne doblett and my beste hoose, and to hys sone Adame a paire of hoose and a pare of showen. And I geve and beqweath unto Peter Borwyck a gakcot. And I geve and beqweth unto Henry Borwyck ij^li^ s. And I geve and beqweath unto Myles Byrkhed ij s. And it is my wyll and mynd y^t^ ij s. be wared on me the day of my beryoll. And I geave and beqweathe unto twentye power peoplle evrye one of theyme a howpe of mealle or mote as I have declaryd unto my supervisners. And I doo ordyn and mak and constytute Jennat and Allyse and Ellyzabeth my thre doghteres my hole executors, and thay thre to pay all my detes and my beqweathes, and fennerall expencis, and then thay thre to have all my goodes movable and unmovable. And I desyer Mayster Adam Cayrys and Jhames Brathwhat, and Henry Borwyck, and Myles Byrkhed to be supervusures of thys my last wyll and testyment. And I desyer my chylderyng to be oredered by my said supervysures if thay wyll have my blessyng. Thes wytnes of this my last wyll, Jhames Brathtwhat, Henry Borwyck, Myles Byrkhed.

INVENTORIUM omnium bonorum Johannis Rolandson parochiæ Wynandermer factum 28 die Marcii et appreciatum per nos Henricum Borwick, Anthonium Cocksone, Anthonium Borwicke et Milonem Birkhead juratos eodem die et anno Domini 1569, per me Johannem Dixon curatum ibidem. Imprimis one mare and a twynterr stagge, xxxiij s. iiij d. ij. kye and a qwye, iij li. Haye and strawe, iiij s. Fowrtie sheippe and one, iij s. ij d. every

* The following will of a yeoman of Troutbeck is remarkable for the homeliness and simplicity of its wording and arrangements. The inventory also contains several curious items. It is in the handwriting of the village curate, for none of the appraisers seem to have been able to spell their names. The whole document is written in the wavering hand of an illiterate or aged man, and does not reflect much credit on the curate of Troutbeck.

one, vj li. ix s. x d. In haverr and in beege, xxiiij s. vij. pecks of maltte, v s. ij d. One almerye, xij s. A brasse pott, three pans, and v. puder dublerrs, viij s. iiij d. Three tree dublerrs, fower dyssheis, and a ladle, ij d. ij. stands, three collecks, a churne, and ij. lytle bassyns, xviij d. A girdle, a brandrott, a bottell, and a pare of tongs, ij s. v d. A peck and a hoiſſe, and a pare of sheirs, vj d. A pare of studles and a pare of woell combs, xxij d. A olde knoppe and a qweell, vj d. Three weights, a ceiffe, two syckles, and two wymbles, vj d. Two axes, a hacke, and a breare croike, xij d. In hempe, a carr, collecke, and two pare of trusse roips, ij s. iij d. A rakinge crocke, a chaire, iiij^{or} stoills, and a stee, and a barrow, xix d. A sadle, a wantowe, a brydle, and a halterr, xij d. A leaa, a hoipe, a peate spaide, and ij. pare of traces, xj d. A saltte tubbe with saltte in itt, ij d. A torthwythie, a torne boltte, and a peate sledd, viij d. A chiste, a arcke, two bourds, and a troghe, v s. vij d. Two seecks, fyve poecks, a hambre, and a sworde, iij s. j d. A peece of keltterr and yearne, v s. viij d. A peece of qwyett cloith and two bedds, ij s. ij. jackeitts, three dubleitts, two pare of hoise, and ij. hatts, three jerkings, shoisse and bowtts, xxiiij s. Three packe cloiths, two sheeitts, and two blanketts, vij s. A purse, a belltt, a knyeffe, and ij. horse shois, vj d. A parre of bowte shanks, iiij d. Hever grotes, vj d. In fleshe, xvj d. In tathe, xij d. Badon Borwyck wyf x s. The some, xvij li. xj s. x d.

CLXVII. THOMAS COOKE OF RICHMOND LORIMER.

November 2, 1569. Thomas Cooke, of Richmond, lorimer — to be buried within the churche yearthe of Richmond, under the marbill stone in the cawsaye — To Cuthbert Hutchinson of Richmond, tanner, and Johne Collingson of Craycall, tanner, a burgage in Richmond in the tenure of Richarde Mylner, paying yearly for ever for the said burgage to the baliffs of Richmond, governors of the free school of the burgesses of Richmond and to their successors governors of the said school for ever the sum of xxiij s. iiij d. — my dwelling house in Richmond, &c. to Agarthe Wynterskille during her life, and after her death to the said Cuthbert Hutchinson and John Collingson, "and they shall yearlie for ever pay or distribute to the poore folks dwellinge and inhabitinge in the said towne of Richmond in the presence of fower honest burgesses of the saide towne, xx s." — I give to them also one burgage in Richmond in the tenure of one Christopher Anderson, butcher, "and they to pay out of it yearly to the power folkes dwellinge and inhabitinge the said towne of Richmond, and

to poore madings mariges as well without the said towne as within at there discretions, xiij s. iiij d." — To Thomas Cowlinge my godsonne one of my best stidies that he will choose with a pair of my best bellows, one of my best chissells, one of the best of my forging hammers, and one hack hammer — To Christopher Hutchinson son of Cuthbert Hutchinson one jack and one battle axe — To James Gybson my godson one silver ring, one silver ear pick, and one silver whistle. [Prob. 15 Dec. 1568.] (*)

CLXVIII. SIR WILLIAM JACKSON LATE CURET AT GRESMER.

Jan. 21, 1569. I William Jackson, clarke and curate of Grysmer — to be buriede within y^e^ parishe church of Grysmer, near where my ij. brothers was buried — To my parishe church vj s. viij d. And yt to be payd .... Kendaill for a booke at I bought of *(erased)* to the betering of the .... To the poor folkes xxx s. to be devided at the sytct of my supervisores. Item I geve to every on of my god children, vj d. — To every sarvent in my maister's house xij d. Item I geve to Sir Thomas Benson a sernet typet. To my Mr. John Benson a new velvat cap. — By me Sir William Jaikson at Grysmer.

Inventory. 21 Jan. 1569. — Rament unbequested to be sold be my executores and supervisores. A worsate jaceate, a brod cloth jacate, a brod clothe side goune, a mellay side goune, a shorte goune, a preiste bonate, a velvat cape, a sylke hate, ij. pare of hosse, a mellay casseck, a worsat typat, a matras, a great chiste, a ledder dublat. Summa, iij li. xij s. .... In wax and sergges, books and parchment, with other small thyngs to be sold within my chamber. I owe to Christofor Wolker's wyff Under Helme xij s. of newe money to be payed to hyr, whych she dyd bowrere for me in my tyme of nede.

CLXIX. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI LAMBERT.

In the name of God, Amen. The xxv^th^ daye of Marche, in the yere of our Lord God 1569. I Robert Lambertt, of Nosterfeild in the countie of Yorke,* gent. — to be buried within the parishe churche of Saint Mychaell th'archangell of Well.† Item I give,

* The testator may, perhaps, have been connected with the family of Lambert of Owton, in the bishoprick of Durham. His descendants lingered in the neighbourhood of Well for some time after his death.

† We may observe that the church of Well is here dedicated to St. Michael. Dr. Whitaker assigns it to the patronage of St. James.

will, and bequeathe to my son George Lambertt my greate brason pott which I brought with me furthe of Cleveland. Item I bequeathe to Henrye Lambertt my yonger son my blacke stagge. Item I give, will, and bequeathe to Ann Lambertt my doughter my grey fillye stagge. Item I gyve, will, and bequeathe to Edward Lambertt bastard son of my son George Lambertt one of my best kyne. Item I will that my son George Lambertt shall after the deathe of me and my wyf have my lands accordinge to a fyne which I have knowledgid thereof. — Item I will, give, and bequeathe to everie one of my servantes, as well men servantes as women servants, one gymmer lambe. Item I give to the reparation of the churche of Well ij s. The residewe — I give unto Florence my loving wyf and to my thre chyldren George Lambertt, Henry Lambertt, and Ann Lambertt, whom I make — myne executores — my trustye and loving cousins and frends Jhon Wandisfurthe person of Kyrtlington and Mychaell Wandisfurthe of Pickall esquire supervysors, to whom I give for there paines, advyse, ayde, and assistance — xx s. to be equally devydyd betwixt them. Wytnesses of this my wyll, Jhone Hornebie, Nycolas Bollton. [Prob. 14 March, 1570, and adm. given to George and Anne Lambert.]

CLXX. CHRISTOPHER HODGKINSONN OF ASHETONN BANKE JUXTA PRESTON LABORER.*

Inventory, 17 April, 1570. One spittell. ij. prignetts, xij s. — certen oyten meall, vij s. vj d. — Certen woollen coverlet yearne, certen lynnen yearne and certen asse, xxxvj s. viij d. Certen whit woollen cloth and wollen yearn, xxix s. — Certen flaxe, one yonge speying or spinninge whele, one chaire with certen salt, viij s. — One hundreth metts of malt, x li. — Certayn hay, corne, and turves, xix s. vj d. — xxiiij. metts of barlye, vj li. x s. Certayne sythes, xviij s. Certayne pots, v li. xiiij s. Certaine cheses, ij s. *Detts oweing unto me.* John Houghton wyfe for sex bales of flax, xxiiij s. Ye wife of William Cottume for ij. stones of flax, x s. iiij d. — Mr. Richard Trases for ij. sprowese skynes, viij s. viij d. Johne Houghton doth owe for carrege of v. score bales of flax frome Yorke (*blank*). Johne Gaunte beyonde Wyer for terre and a chesse, v s. v d. Johne Gaunte of Muche Singleton behynde for ij. sythes, iij s. viij d. — Edmunde Dobsonn for ix. hundreth and a halfe of lats, x s. iiij d.

* A petty tradesman in the vicinity of Preston, with a very miscellaneous stock of goods. He seems to have dealt principally in yarn, flax, corn, and crockery; and, in addition to his shop, he was probably a carrier.

Johne Croke of Ingall head for the hyer of a cowe, viij s. The said Johne dothe owe me a sive of ots. James Strenghfelowe for wyne, xxiiij s. —

CLXXI. RICHARD COOK OF HUTON CONYERS.

The INVENTORIE of all the goods and cattells of Richard Cook,* lait of Huton Conyers, deceased, praysed bie iiij^{or} indifferent men, that is to saie, George Lowsone, Christofer Firbank, Marmaduke Lowsone, and Androwe Fawber, the xxijth daye of September, anno Domini M.ccccc^{o}.lxx^{o}.

Inprimis xij. oxen, price xiiij li. Item six kye, price vij li. vj s. viij d. Six quyes and a stote, price vij li. iiij^{or} styrks and a calff, price xliiij s. Fyve horses and meares, price v li. Fortie wedders, price vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Fortie ewes, price v l. vj s. viij d. liiij. twynter sheippe, price vj li. vj s. xxx. lambes, price l s. .... and ewes, price xl s. .... within the barnes at .... price xij li. .... barnes at Huton and .... price xij li. Hay, price liij s. iiij d. Dunge and .... about howse and ledd into feild, price xiij s. iiij d. Yocks, teymes, and irons, price xvj s. viij d. Two paire of wood boune wheills, ij. waynes, one cowppe, with plowes and harrowes, price iij li. vj. s. viij d. One paire of wayne fleycks, price xx d. One stand hecke with all wodd about howse, price xxx s. ij. bee hyves, price ij s. viij d. vij. geyse and steygs, price iij s. xiiij. henes with cok and chykings, price v s. iiij d. Hempe, price v s. Summa, lxxxxiiij li. vij s. viij d. In the *halle howse*. Inprimis, iiij^{or} brace potts, price xxvj s. viij d. iiij^{or} kettilles and iiij^{or} litle pannes, price xl s. ij. litle kettilles, price vj s. viij d. ix. pewder dublers, price xiij s. iiij d. xij. pewder dishes, vj. sawsers, a potteger, and a salt, price vj s. viij d. A chaffing dishe, thre candilsticks, and a litle laver, price v s. iij. speytts, a paire of cobb irons, a fryinge pane, and a brole iron, price iiij s. One reckan, one paire of pott kylpes, one old axe, a brysse, two pomles, price ij s. One cupbord, a prysser, and one old almerie, price x s. One table, one litle meat bourd, ij^{o} chaires with furmes, price ij s. viij d. iiij^{or} paire of sheires, price xij d. Payntyd cloythes, one call with quyssings, and all other hustlement in the hall howse, price iij s. iiij d. Summa, vj li. xvj d. In y^{e} *parlor*. Inprimis, money in his purse, xx s. Two silver spoynes, price x s. One paire of silver croks, price vj s. viij d. On silk hatt, one mold warppe hatt, and one capp for a woman, price v s. One black napperon with a napkyn, price iij s. iiij d.

* The inventory of a substantial Yorkshire yeoman, containing several curious local words. The expenses at his funeral are also interesting.

Fyve kyrchayes and a woman smock, price iiij s. His reparill, price xiij s. iiij d. One standinge bedd, iiij^{or} paire of bedd stocks, iiij^{or} chysts, and one old arke, price xiij s. iiij d. One old fedder bedd, price x s. Thre matterisses, price xv s. vij. coverletts, iij. happyns, and one blanckett, price xxxvj s. vij. codds and vij. pyllebers, price iiij s. viij d. Fyve lyn sheitts, price xij s. vij. paire of hemppe and hardyn sheitts, price xvj s. iij. towells and two bourd cloythes, price iiij s. viij d. ij° seyks with pocks, price ij s. Payntyd cloythes with other hustlement in the parlor, price ij s. Summa, viij li. xviij s. In the *chamber*. Inprimis, iiij^{or} score of hardyn garne, price iiij s. Two stone of woulle, price x s. ij° old wyndowe cloythes, price ij s. One kymlinge, price v s. iij° old busshells with syves and reddells, price xx d. ij° bushells of peis and one bushell of grotts, price ij s. viij d. Summa, xxv s. iiij d. *Debita quæ ei debentur*. Inprimis, Andrewe Fawber, xix s. iiij d. William Heslington of Waythe for malt, xxviij s. iiij d. Frauncis Harrysone of Mydleton, vj s. viij d. Henry Cooke of Raynton, xviij s. Christofer Marshall, xv s. Margaret Firbanke, iij s. Summa, iiij li. x s. ij d. Summa totalis omnium bonorum et debitorum predictorum, c.xv li. ij s. ij d. *Debita quæ defunctus debet*. Inprimis, to John Holme, x s. viij d. To Robert Broune of Copthewick th'elder, xx s. To Isabell Cook my brother doughter, ix li. To William Cook of York, in part of payment of a more some which is paid for iiij^{or} cattell gaitts in Huton towne myers for fyve yeres yett come, xx s. To Mr. Arthington for his part of the half yere rents of th'edell feild Brod yngs and Warrander closse, xv s. ij d. To the prebend of Nunwick for fre rent of his lands in Copthwick and Sharowe, v s. To Sir William Mallorie, knight, for his half yere rents, xxxv s. To William Clark for half yere rent of his part of Great myers, viij s. iiij d. To my L. Archebushoppe of York for half yere rent of Margeridinge, ix s. To my said L. Archebushoppe for fre rent of his lands in Copthewick and Sharowe, ij s. To Gregorie Barugh for half yere rent of one closse and one oxgannge of land in Sharowe, xiiij s. To Thomas Hodgsone for his half yere waiges, vj s. viij d. To Oswold, his servant, for his half yere waiges, xiiij s. To Thomas Awmock for his wages, vj s. vj d. To .... Grege of Kirkbyeshier, viij s. To Mathew Backster, ix s. To Mathewe Mylner, ij s. To Oswold Dent and Thomas Todd for iiij^{or} cattell gaitts and iiij^{or} daills in Huton towne myers, xx s. To Sir William Mallorie, knight, iiij^{or} quarters of rye for his part of the rent of West feild at Huton Conyers afforesaid, price xl s. Summa totalis debitorum predictorum, xxj li. v s. iiij d. Et sic remanet de claro debitis deductis, lxxxxiij li. xvij s. ij d. *Legaces and funerall expences*. To John Holme wief for bread the daye of his

buriall, v s. xj d. For drynk the same daye, iiij s. vj d. For fyche the same daye, iiij s. v d. For fleyshe to Robert Dixsone, iij s. To Richard Bell for fleyshe, ix d. To Richard Lowrie for fleyshe, x d. To Henry Cassone for fleyshe, viij d. To Ninian Grange for one bushell of wheat, xix d. To uxor Lowson for cheise, xiiij d. To Mathewe Mylner wief for iiij^{or} gallons of aill the same daye he was buried, xij d. For one dossone of bread, xij d. For butter and eggs the same daye of his buriall, iiij s. ij d. Paid at churche the daye of his buriall, viij s. ij d. To Barborie Monnkton, vj li. xiij s. iiij d. To every one of his god childer, iiij d. in toto, ij s. Jane Cook his doughter one silver spoyne, a paire of silver croks, price xj s. viij d. To the said Jane one silk hatt, one moldwarpp hatt, and a woman capp, price v s. v. kyrchayes and a woman smock, price iiij s. To the saide Jane one black napperon, a napkyn, price iij s. iiij d. To Symon Cook his sone one silver spoyne, price v s. To Thomas Cook his brother, iij s. iiij d. To Christofer Marshall, xx d. To Sir William Mallorie, knyght, one old angell, price x s. To aither of Maysyndewes, viij d. in toto, xvj d. To every one of his servants one gymer lambe, y^{t} is to fyve servants, price of every lambe xx d. in toto, viij s. iiij d. For probacion of will, v s. For one obligacion, xij d. For the aparitorie fees, iiij d. For one mortuarie, x s. For writinge of wills and inventories, vj s. viij d. For charges about provinge of will with witnesses and at other tymes, x s. To Symon his sone one whye, price xx s. To Jane his doughter one whye, price xx s. Summa totalis tam legatorum quam expensorum funerallium, xiiij li. xix s. ij d. And so there remaneth cleare, legaces and funeralle expenses discharged, of dead part to be equally devided emongeste iiij^{or} of his children, that ys to saie, George, William, and Symon his sones, and Jaine his dowghter, xxxj li. xix s. v d.

CLXXII. PETRI SCLYNGESBY GEN. TESTAMENTUM.

October 2, 1570. Peter Sclyngesbie of Marton in Brorougeshier, gentilman.* To Alice Sclyngesbie my bais-begotten doughter twenty shillings yerely, untill she be preferred in maryage, — To Johanne Sclyngesbie, one other of my bays-begotten doughters, twenty shillings goinge out of my said parsonage of Marton yerely untill she be preferred in maryage — Item I give and bequyth to the seid Alice my bais-begotten doughter, xj li.

* A son of John Slingsby of Scriven, esq. by Margery, daughter of Simon Poley of Badesley in Suffolk. His aunt, Agnes Slingesby, had married into the family of Tankard. Boroughshire is a name of rare occurrence, which is applied to the district or deanery of Boroughbridge.

towards her prefarment in maryage, to be paid when she shalbe maryed. Item I give and bequyth to the seid Johanne, my bais-begotten doughter, xj li. towards her prefarment in maryage, to be paid when she shalbe maryed. Item I will that the seid Alice and Johanne Sclyngesbie shalbe ordered during the tyme that they ar unmaryed by William Tanckard, Francis Sclyngesbie, esquires, and Thomas Tanckard gentilman. Item I will that if ether of my seid bais-begotten doughters will not be ordered and obydyent by the seid William, Francis and Thomas Tanckard, and for their prefarment in maryage, then I will that she which will not be ordered shall want of her seid porcon x li., which shall be bestowed of the other of my seid doughters. Item I geve and bequythe to George Breakanbury sone of Henry Breakanbury, xx li. Item I geve and bequyth to Anne Goldesburghe doughter of William Goldesburghe deceased, xx li. And further I do ordeyn and maike the seid William Tanckard, Francis Sclyngesbie, and Thomas Tanckard, my executors of this my last will and testament, and for their pains taken therein I geve to every one of them iij li. vj s. viij d. And further I will that my servaunts in my house shalbe kept unto Martynmas of my charge, and they to have their wages paid. In witness whereof, I the said Peter Sclyngesbie have putto my seale to this my last will and testament the day and yere above wrytten. Wytnesses, John Lockey, Vycar of Marton,* Walter Deconsin, Peter Hardcastell, and Peter Benson.

CLXXIII. RICHARD THOMPSON OF RICHMOND.

February 10, 1572. Rich. Thompson of Richmond† — to be buried at Richmond church on the north side, neigh unto the porche called St. John porche.‡ Item I will and bequith to the

* John Lockay, vicar of Marton in Burghshier, makes his will on the 5th of December, 1572, and dirocts himself to be buried "in the chauncell of Marton Churche, whear my predecessor dyd lye. Item I bequethe to everye gorse house within Marton and Grafton, iiij d. Item I give and bequeth unto the reparacion of Marton Churche afforesaid, vj s. viij d. INVENTORY, 1573.—*Detts* owing to y^e^ aforesaid John Lockey of y^e^ parishing of Marton. Item for the common booke, ij s. vj d. Item for a calender booke, x d. Item for Omylies of disobydience, viij d. Item to Thomas Burdshall and Richard Matterson for bookes, ij s."

† A small hosier in Richmond, who makes a very good use of the little wealth he had amassed. This charity has, I believe, long been lost.

‡ There are two spacious and handsome porches attached to the parish church at Richmond; that on the north side is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, while the south porch is under the patronage of the Evangelist St. John. May not the south side of the church have been appropriated to the men, and the north to the women? a similar arrangement seems to have existed in the neighbouring church of Easby. The ancient custom of separating the sexes in the time of divine service was continued in many churches in the north of England till a comparatively recent date, especially in the larger towns.

poore people and unto ther use for ever one rude of land lying in the Estfeild, nowe being in myne own occupacion, and being of the yerelie rent of ij s. and the said ij s. to be distribute at two tymes in the yer, that is to say, xij d. at Easter and xij d. at the feast of Christmas, and the said rude of land to be used for the distribucon of the said ij s. at the discrecon of Edward Alderson and Rauf Pacocke, their heires, executors, or assigns for ever. Item I give and bequith vj s. viij d. to the poore people of Richmond, to be destributed unto theym on the morow next after my buryall at the discrecon of Edward Alderson, Rauf Pacocke, and Robert Ward. To my doughter Thomyson ten sylver spones and all her mothers rament, and one girdle wich was hir mothers, and thirtene pounds sex shillings and eight penc of current monye, and all my houshold stuf — dau. Isabel. Mr. William Conyers, esquyer, owes him for iiij^{or} foders of lede as doth appeare by a bill of his hand. Item James Phillipp in lent monye, xl s. [Prob. 15 June, 1575.]

Inventory, 4 June, 1575. Imprimis, vij. yeards of geanes fustion, iiij s. Item x. yeards homes fustion, vj s. xvj. yeardes of geane fustion, vij s. ij. yeards and half and a quarter of chamleye, iiij s. iiij d. ij. remnants of velvet, vij s. ij. remnants of mockado, viij s. iij. remnants of russels, xxiiij s. ix. yeards of whyt fustian, vj s. viij d. xij. yeards of saten bredges, xvij s. xxviij. yeards of sackeclothe, xiiij s. ix. yeards of stryped sackclothe, ix s. iiij. elnes of canvas, ix s. iij. yeards and one halfe of lynyn clothe, iiij s. xiij. yeards and an halfe of lynnen clothe, ix s. ix. yeards and an half of linnen clothe, vj s. ij. remmands of lynnen clothe, iij s. viij. yeards of nettell clothe, viij s. ij. elnes of canvas, iij s. Towe remnants of buckram, vj s. viij d. Certayne small trifles, iiij s. vj. pounds and a half of whit threed, v s. xij. payres of cardes, xij d. xj. girdles, iij s. A dosen purses, xvj d. ij. dosen thimbles, vj d. Certayne rybbayns and other triffles, v s. iij. dosen and four capes, xvj s. iij. velvet nyght cappes and iij. of satan, x s. xij. women hats, vj s. viij d. iij. dosen and a half of course felts, xvij s. A dosen felts more, xiiij s. iiij. thousand of rose nayles, xx s. v. yeards of yallowe cottone, xx s. iij. dosen comes, xv d. Leads, weights, and scales, towe chistes and shelves, with other husslements in y^{e} shoppe, x s. ij. stone of leade, xx s.

CLXXIV. ASLACKBYE WM. TESTAMENTUM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Anno Domini 1573°, and the thirde daye off Marche. I Williame Aslackbye off Richmonde, gentle-

man,* hole off mynde and off god and perfecte remembrannce, but seeke in bodye, maketh this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowinge. Firste I geve my soule unto Almightie God, and my bodye to be buried within ye a^rboure† on the northe side off the churche of Richmonde. Item I will y^t ye make a dynner for my nieghbours w^ch I was wonte to have at Christenmas, so y^t we maye departe with meat and drinke, and for dealinge to the powre it shalbe at your discression, parte at one tyme and parte at another, when you thinke best. Item I bequeath to Franc's Constable and to George Constable there porcions to be paide at such tyme or tymes as there mother shall thinke it requisite for them. Item I will y^t ye keepe Christofer Scrafton whiles he come to manns age, and then yff he marye or go frome you y^t you geve him xl s. in monye or so moche in goods. Item I will y^t Adame Thomlinson my sonne in lawe have one bucskinne doblett which I used to weare dalye. Item I bequeathe to my doughter Margerye iij s. iiij d. and to every of hir five children xij d. Item I bequeathe my ringe unto Mr. Williame Wickliff my brother in lawe, in whome I have greate truste. And off this my laste will I mayk my wiffe and Percevell my sonne myne executors, and my brother in lawe Mr. Williame Wickliffe and my brother in lawe Mr. Williame Grimston and Thomas Barker to be supervisors off this my last will and testament. These beinge for a remembrance y^t I owe unto Christofer Scrafton over and besides his xl s., iiij s. vj d. And unto Jane Scrafton his sister, ix s. And unto Francis Hearon my man, xxvj s. viij d. And unto George Flowre, xl s. All the residew off my goods moveble and unmoveble, my legacies, detts, and funeralls discharged, I give to Elizabeth my wiffe and to Percevell my sonne, whome I make my executors off this my last will and testament. These beinge witnesses, John Spittle, Donkinge Thomson, John Walker, and James Scott, with others. (*) [Prob. 20 Jan. 1573–4.]

* William Aislaby of Barden married Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Wray of St. Nicholas, and sister of Chief Justice Wray. His will, which is singularly interesting, is his own composition, and gives us a very pleasing picture of the simple and hospitable life of a North-country gentleman, who, amidst the cares and fears which throng around a death-bed, could express a kindly desire that his departure should not debar his neighbours from the enjoyment of that friendly hospitality which he had so fondly cherished in his lifetime. He was buried in Richmond Church on the 4th of May, 1573, and his wife was laid beside him on the 19th of February, 1586-7. The will, from an error of the transcriber, is wrongly dated ; the proper year, according to the usual computation, should be 1572.

† May not the "arboure" be the porch of the Blessed Virgin on the north side of the church. It is of the Perpendicular period ; and its roof, supported by intersecting arches, could not but suggest the pleasing and appropriate name which the testator gives to it.

CLXXV. ADAME KIRKBIE OF ASKARTH.

May 30, 1572. I Adame Kirkbie of the parish of Askarth — I give unto Askarthe churche for the reparations of the decaies thereof, x s. Also I geve unto the towne of Askarthe one bull, in condicion whereof they shall ever contynewe a bull, in witnesse of the bequestinge of a bull of the said Adam Kirkbie. Witnesses, James Eddleston clerke, Christofer Tonstall, &c. [Prob. 7 May, 1573.] (*)

CLXXVI. AGNESSE LEAVYNS OF CROSTWAITE.

April 22, 1573. I Agnesse Leavyns, wedow,* of Crostwaite, late wyffe of George Leavyns of the same — my bodye to ryste in y^e^ churche of Chrostwhaet on y^e^ southe syde of y^e^ alle, so nere where my mother rystyth as shalbe thought necessary. To the churche, xij d. To William my soon my silver geare, whych is at my gyrdle, to mend hys syx sponys withall, and they to remayne at the house with hym, and affter hys time he to leave them with whiche of hys chyldryng as schal have hys tenemente and howse after hys time. To Peter my sone a ryng and a maser, and lat hym dypose it as he wyll. To y^e^ wyfe of Wiliam my son my reade cap, my garberdyne, a pare of gowne krokes, and a pece of mony callyd one agous (agnus ?) y^t^ I dyd weare on my hatt. Item I give unto y^e^ wyfe of Robart my soon my browne kyrtle with y^e^ chamlet overbodye, a hatt, a whyte cappe, a lytle cros of monye with one imayge of Chryste upon bothe y^e^ sydes of it, a coverchay, my best pettycote, and my kloke, and thre dublers of y^e^ whiche sche hathe two delyvered. — To Sybbel y^e^ doghter of Robart my soon a browne cote, a pare of selblacke slevys. — To Agnes Garnet a dubler and a worme of sylver. — To Sir Lancelott Leavyns a cros of sylver wyche he delyverede me. — Records, Sir John Byrkheade, chaplan of Underbarrow.

CLXXVII. TANKARD WILLELMI ARMIGERI TESTAMENTUM.

June 3, 1573. I William Tanckard of Borobrig, esquier.†— First I bequethe my soule to Almightye God and my body to be

* A will of a Westmerland lady, which contains some very curious bequests.

† William Tankard of Borobridge, esq., the head of a very ancient and distinguished family, married Anne daughter of John Pulleyn of Killinghall, esq., and left by her three sons and three daughters. During the Civil Wars the family of Tankard was greatly distinguished for its loyalty ; and Richard Tankard, who had suffered severely for his devotion to the royal cause, was knighted by Charles II.

beried within the parish church of Aldburght. — Item I do geve and bequeth to Rafe Tanckard* my sone, and Richard Tankard sone of the said Rafe, one messuag or tenement with all the lands and tenements in Dalbancke of the yerely value of thre pounds sex shillings and viij d. now in the tenner and occupation of Edward Ledome — for and during ther two natural lyffes, and the longer lyver of eyther of them. Item I give and bequeth to the said Rafe Tanckard my sayd sonne my holle tearme and lease of yeres which I have of the parke of Upsall and other parcell of ground in Upsall, Thornebarge, and Kylmington, the dere in the said parke excepted. Item I do gyve and bequeth my manver of Hornebey alias Harnebey in Cleveland to James Tanckard† my sone, and all other my lands and tenements ther to his use during his liefe. Item I do give and bequeth unto the said James Tanckard my said sonne all that my tenement and fermehold callid Dike howse, and all my land and tenements therunto belonginge, set, lying, and being in Swawdell, for and during the tearme of xiij. yeres next after my deathe, without any rent paying for the premisses during the said tearme. — Item I give and bequeth to Ann Holme my servant a close in Newsome callid Overleyfeild for the tearme of xxj. yeres, yelding and paying yerely at dayes accustomed xxs., provided alway that if the said Anne dye that then the tearme to ende and cease and no longer to indure. Item I do give and bequeth to Richard Spurret my servaunt a messuage and all the lands and tenements in Mylby now in the occupation of Thomas Raw and lait in the tenner of Roberte Marshall for the tearme of twenty and one yeres, paying yerely xxxx s. at the dayes accustomed. Item I will that Christopher Weyring and Elizabeth now his wife have his dwelling howse in Borobrig, and all other lands, medowes, and pastures in Aldburghte and Rockclif which they now occupye for the tearme of xxj. yeres next after my deathe yf they or ether of them so long do leve, paying the usuall rent at dayes accustomed. Item I do give and bequeth to Peter Benson all my interest, title, and tearme of yeres which I have yett to come and not rynn expired nor endyd, in all maner the tythes of Arkendall Loftus which is now in the occupation of the said Peter, without any maner of rent paying for the same duringe my tearme of yeres yet to come in the premises. Item I geve and bequethe to John Pullayn‡ my servant xxs. yerely during his life, going

* Of Arden. He married Mary daughter and sole heiress of William Lawson of Cramlington, esq., by whom he had a large family. He was living in 1598.

† James Tankard makes his will at Borobridge on the 5th of November, 1598. It is extremely interesting, and contains many additions to the family genealogy.

‡ John Pulleyne of Borobridge, in his will, dated 10th September, 1592, mentions his wife Alice, his daughters Katherine and Dorothy, his son Thomas Pulleyne, his

fourth of all my lands and tenements in Mylbye in the countie of Yorke. Item I geve and bequeth to Bryan Yoxley* another of my servants xiij s. and iiij d. yerely during his life going fourth of all my said lands and tenements in Mylbye aforesaid. Item I give and bequeth to Henry Wranghame my cooke x s. yerely during his life going fourth of all my said lands and tenements in Mylby aforesaid. Item I will that the said John Bryan and Henry shall serve Thomas Tanckard before any other if he will have them, and I require the said Thomas to be good to them. Item I give and bequeth to the maior and citysyns of the cyttie of Yorke a silver pott with a cover doble gilt. Item I give and bequeth to Rafe Tanckard my said sonne a silver pott with a cover doble gilt, which said cover haith my armes upon yt. Item I geve and bequithe to Katheron Beckwith my doughter† a silver pott withe a cover doble gilt which was Myles Newtons. Item I give to Mary Tanckard wife of Rafe Tanckard one salt of silver with a cover doble gilt, commonly called a punch salt. Item I geve to Ellinor Conyers my doughter‡ one silver salt with a cover gilt. Item I give unto Jaine Beckwithe my doughter§ one silver salt with a cover gilt. Item I give unto James Tanckard my said sonne xl li. of English money. Item I give unto the said James Tanckard my sonne my gray trotting gelding callid Redeman. Item I will that if the said James my sonn do in any court demaund his childs porcon of any my goods that then my said bequest maid before or hereafter to the said James to be voide. Item I geve and bequeth to Jaine Beckwith my doughter iij li. vj s. viij d. Item I do will and require Thomas Tanckard‖ my sonne, whome I make my executor, to dispose and give to Jaine Beckwith my said doughter xx li. at suche tyme as he shall think convenient in her necessitie. Item I give and bequethe to the said Jaine Beckwith my wife best gowne, hir best kyrtill, and hir best

mother the wife of Robert Chirner, and his sister Jane Chirner; and he leaves to his son William Pulleyne (a minor) his burgage in Borobridge and nine roods of land in Aldborough, which he bought of William Gybson and Daniel Pulleyne. John Pulleyne was probably a relative of the testator's deceased wife.

* Brian Yoxley was in the service of the family at the death of the eldest son of the testator in 1596.

† Katharine Tankard married, 1. Miles Newton of Thorpe, near Ripon, and 2. Thomas Beckwith of Clintz, esq.

‡ Eleanor Tankard married, 1. William Blithman, and 2. Matthew Conyers of Thorpe Underwood, esq.

§ Jane Tankard married William Beckwith of Clintz, esq., son of the above-mentioned Thomas Beckwith.

‖ Thomas Tankard, the eldest son of the testator, married Jane daughter of Bernard Paver of Micklethorpe, and left by her a very large family. His will is dated at Borobridge on the 18th of February, 1596-7, and contains some interesting particulars. His inventory is also extremely curious and valuable.

one, vj li. ix s. x d. In haverr and in beege, xxiiij s. vij. pecks of maltte, v s. ij d. One almerye, xij s. A brasse pott, three pans, and v. puder dublerrs, viij s. iiij d. Three tree dublerrs, fower dyssheis, and a ladle, ij d. ij. stands, three collecks, a churne, and ij. lytle bassyns, xviij d. A girdle, a brandrott, a bottell, and a pare of tongs, ij s. v d. A peck and a hoi[illegible]e, and a pare of sheirs, vj d. A pare of studles and a pare of woell combs, xxij d. A olde knoppe and a qweell, vj d. Three weights, a ceiffe, two syckles, and two wymbles, vj d. Two axes, a hacke, and a breare croike, xij d. In hempe, a carr, collecke, and two pare of trusse roips, ij s. iij d. A rakinge crocke, a chaire, iiij^{or} stoills, and a stee, and a barrow, xix d. A sadle, a wantowe, a brydle, and a halterr, xij d. A leaa, a hoipe, a peate spaide, and ij. pare of traces, xj d. A saltte tubbe with saltte in itt, ij d. A torthwythie, a torne boltte, and a peate sledd, viij d. A chiste, a arcke, two bourds, and a troghe, v s. vij d. Two seecks, fyve poecks, a hambre, and a sworde, iij s. j d. A peece of keltterr and yearne, v s. viij d. A peece of qwyett cloith and two bedds, ij s. ij. jackeitts, three dubleitts, two pare of hoise, and ij. hatts, three jerkings, shoisse and bowtts, xxiiij s. Three packe cloiths, two sheeitts, and two blanketts, vij s. A purse, a belltt, a knyeffe, and ij. horse shois, vj d. A parre of bowte shanks, iiij d. Hever grotes, vj d. In fleshe, xvj d. In tathe, xij d. Badon Borwyck wyf x s. The some, xvij li. xj s. x d.

CLXVII. THOMAS COOKE OF RICHMOND LORIMER.

November 2, 1569. Thomas Cooke, of Richmond, lorimer — to be buried within the churche yearthe of Richmond, under the marbill stone in the cawsaye — To Cuthbert Hutchinson of Richmond, tanner, and Johne Collingson of Craycall, tanner, a burgage in Richmond in the tenure of Richarde Mylner, paying yearly for ever for the said burgage to the baliffs of Richmond, governors of the free school of the burgesses of Richmond and to their successors governors of the said school for ever the sum of xxiij s. iiij d. — my dwelling house in Richmond, &c. to Agarthe Wynterskille during her life, and after her death to the said Cuthbert Hutchinson and John Collingson, "and they shall yearlie for ever pay or distribute to the poore folks dwellinge and inhabitinge in the said towne of Richmond in the presence of fower honest burgesses of the saide towne, xx s." — I give to them also one burgage in Richmond in the tenure of one Christopher Anderson, butcher, "and they to pay out of it yearly to the power folkes dwellinge and inhabitinge the said towne of Richmond, and

of thre hundreth and fowerscore pounds which he the said James doith owe me. Item I do give, release, and discharge the said James Phillipp of fowerscore pounds which he dothe owe me of fower obligations. Item I do give and bequethe to my cosing Frannc's Tanckard one ould anngell. Item I do give and bequeth to Thomas Thompson my servant xiij s. and iiij d. in monye. — Witnesses hereof, Josua Pulleyn, Franncis Tanckard, Mathew Conyers, Bernard Bikerdyke, and Richard Horne, with others. [Prob. 30 Sept. 1573.] (*)

CLXXVIII. ELIZABETH SIDGWICKE OF WOTHROPE, WIDDOWE.

July 11, 1573. Elizabeth Sidgwicke of Wothrope, wyddowe,* late wife of Richarde Sidgwicke of Walbron, esquire, deceased, being of auncient yeares, crazed in bodye, but hole in mynde — to be buried within the parishe churche of Sainct Michaell of Downeholme,† neigh my said late husbande deceased — Also I will, gyve, and bequeath unto y^e^ parishe churche of Downeholme sex shillings and eight pence. And to every housholder within the said parishe fower pence, or els a dyner made within the parishe — Also I will, give, and bequeath unto Elizabeth Lassells my doughter's doughter whome I christened twentee m'rks to helpe hir with all, and one fether bedde with all things belonging to the same. Also I will, gyve, and bequeathe unto my doughter Lassells of Walbron an edge of pearlle for a remembrance, desieringe hir to gyve it to one of hir doughters. Also I will, gyve, and bequeathe unto my cosin Barbarie Whallaye a gowne of damaske, a kyrtall of blacke sattane, and my best potte. And to hir doughter that she haith with M^r^ Wallaye the best cowe y^t^ she will chose emonge all that I have — And to Elizabeth Crofte tenne shillings to by hir lyne with all. And also I will, give, and bequeathe .... (*)

* Widow of Richard Sedgwick of Walburn Hall, esq., who died in 1555, and probably a daughter of Chr. Conyers of Marske, esq. Her only daughter, Anne Sedgwick, married Chr. Lascelles of Brackenbergh, esq., by whom she left a numerous issue. The family of Lascelles appears to have been considerably impoverished by the carelessness and extravagance of its members, and the greater part of its estates were dissipated or sold by the great-grandson of the testatrix, Sir Thomas Lascelles. The present will is unfortunately imperfect.

† The ancient burial place of the Sedgwicks. In a window in the north aisle the arms of that family are still preserved on a square piece of glass: Or, a chevron gules between three bells proper.

CLXXIX. CUTBERDE THOMSON VICARIUS DE GILLINGE.

In the name of God, Amen. The xxij. of Decembre, anno Domini 1573, I Cutberde Thomson, vicarius de Gillinge,* sicke in body, but (God be praysed) of good and perfect memorie, doe make this my last will and testament in manor and forme folowinge. Firste I commit my soule to Almightie God, loking for justificatione through Christe his glorious and riall resurrectione; and that this my bodie be buried in the church of Forset, which, although it be weake and feble, I truste it shall one day be made (through Christe) stronge and mightie, and conformable to the blessed body of Christe Jesus. Now as for theise smale goodes wherwith the Lorde of his longe liberalitie and lovynge kindnes hath blessed me, I will that they shalbe disposed as shalbe here expressed. Inprimis I give to my poore parischioners x s. Item I give to Robert Parkinne iij li. vj s. viij d. Item I give to Anthony Parkinne iij li. vj s. viij d. Item I give to George Parkine my servant iij li. vj s. viij d. Item I give to Jane Parkinne iij li. vj s. viij d. Item I give to Isabl Parkine iij li. vj s. viij d. And al the reste of my goodes, my debtes paid and funerall expenses discharged, I commit them whollie to my two brethren John Thomson and Anthony Thomson to use them and to dispose them at theire will and pleasure, whom I make executors of this my will and testament, not doubtinge but that they will fulfill this my laste will and testament according to the premiseis aforsaid. Yet for the better assurance hereof I pray my two faithfull and familier frendes Mr. John Laton and Michaell Thomson to be overseers of this testament, to see that it be fulli accomplished and fulfilled in manor and forme as is above rehearsed. Written the day and yere as appeareth in the presents of theise persons subscribed, anno Domini 1573. Testes hujus testamenti, John Joneson, John Berrie, Mathew Holiday, John Thomson, Thomas Laton, Edward . . . . cum aliis. Jo. Jackson, rector de Melsonbye.†

* A member of a respectable family of yeomen, who had been tenants for many years under the family of Tunstall of Scargill. The testator probably owed his name and his position in the world to Cuthbert Tunstall, Bishop of Durham, an illustrious scion of the great house of Thurland, and the brother of the spotless knight Sir Brian, who fell at Floddon. The contents of his chest are extremely interesting. Appended to the inventory is the following letter, directed to the registrar from his successor in the living:—"Mr. Tailor. After hartie commendacions I commend me unto you, and this shalbe to let you understande that Anthony Thompson and I am agreed for all maner of things towchin his brother veker, and for y^{t} cause he sais y^{t} you do holde is bonde, because y^{t} you knowe not whether he and I be agred or no; trulye we ar, and this is hartelye to desyer you to delyver his bounde unto hyme, for we are fully concludid and agreed. Thus I bid you hartely faire well. From Forcet this presente mornynge, by me, Nynyan Menvyle, vycare of Gyllinge."

† Rector of Melsonby. He was buried in Richmond churchyard 20 February,

INVENTORIUM 13 January, 1573. *Kitchin, hall, parlor, garner.* The *lofte over y^e^ parlor.* One pake clothe for wole, xx d. xj. salt fishes, v s. The *buttery.* The *lofte where the veker did lye.* One bedsted withe one feder bed and all y^t^ belongs theronto, xxvj s. viij d. Item all his apperell y^t^ belongs to hyme, xlvj s. viij d. Item one chiste and ij. litle tables, xiij s. iiij d. The *chamber where the servants lay.* The *stable. In one cubborde.* Item iiij^or^ litle sylver spons, x s. Item nappere ware, as shetts, pillevers, napkins, and table clothes, xxiiij s. *In one chiste.* Item ij. litill tyn bottels, one paire bridill bitts, ij. paire spures, vj. dozen lader punts, one lader purse, one prests bonet, iij. giltid dagers, one paire giltid knifes, one blake cony skyne, one shorte fringe silke, one grater for spice, j. paire pantocles, ij. paire gold weightes, j. paire woman's hos; xj. crisomes, one kaise of trenchers, xxxj. litill books, one pece . . . ij. ladder baggs to put mony in, one caike wax, one paire Frenche kards, one blake knope for kerbands, j. paire hanklels, one litill brushe for a coymbe, one dosen silke pounts, ij. silke flowers, one pece of a brokyn gem' of gold, one litill corell stake, xl s. *Detts* owynge to y^e^ abovesaide Cuthberte Thompson. Inprimis Mr. Thomas Pudsay* for rent and ox gaitts, xx li. and more. My cosyn Mechaell Thompson x li. Mr. George Katterike for tythe for ij. yers. All the tennands of Ovington for teynde hay ij. yers. John Bayles of Manfeilde y^e^ bucher for a horse, xxx s. Certen tythes dewe at Gillynge as Sir

1606-7. Anne his wife, "vidua pia ac valde beneficens," was buried at the same place 7 November, 1628. Her will, which is dated four days before her death, was probably made by her son John Jackson, and is full of beautiful and affectionate language. The termination is exceedingly striking: "Thus, my lovinge children, the blessinge of your mother's death-bed be with you, commendinge my motherly love to you, and you to God, with whose mercifull providence I durst well have trusted you if I had had noe thinge at all to have given you. Moreover, in token of my loyall love and affection to my dead husband, I gyve his daughter Dorothy a small house in Brignell; and after her death the rent thereof to be distributed among the poore of Richmond and Melsonby." John Jackson, one of his sons, was rector of Marske and master of the grammar-school of Richmond He was a man of considerable humour, and was on very intimate terms with the family of Hutton of Marske. Two most amusing letters of his will be found among the correspondence of the Huttons, which has been published by the Surtees Society. His learning was varied and extensive, and he is the author of a curious, and now very rare, treatise on the Urim and Thummim, a copy of which is preserved in Bishop Cosin's library at Durham.

* The head of the great family of Pudsay of Barford and Bolton in Craven, "who died in Yorke, prisoner for his conscience, a trewe confessor of the Catholik faythe. He left this wretched world and went to God the forthe day of September, anno Domini 1576, on whose soule I praye God have m'cye." He, like many others, was thrown into York Castle for nonconformity, and died in prison. His effects were administered to by his son William, May 21, 1577. His wife was Elizabeth daughter of John Lord Scrope of Bolton, and he had by her a very large family. She survived her husband for nearly *fifty* years, and made her will at Barford in 1620. It is a curious fact that we find all the rooms, and the chairs, &c. at Barford, hung and covered with *green* cloth, the principal colour in the family arms.

William Gargait dothe knowe. Mechall Prat of Swadell or Wenseydell for xij. flesis wole and ij. lames. Mylner of Swadell for teynde of wole and lame. John Johnson surte for halfe tythe that is iiij^{or} flesis. Randall Laifelde of Gillinge for tythe of Sedberre mylne for x. yeres at 3 s. 4 d. by yere, xxxiij s. iiij d. Prat, sadler of Richmonde, iiij s. Roberte Carter viij d. Lanclot Meilebanke xx s. Summa de claro, iiij^{ti}xij li. iij s. iij d.

CLXXX. JOHN WILKINSON OF SKOLTWHATRIGGE.

Inventory. 11 January, 1573. Item a chamlet dublet, viij s. A cloke, x s. A jerkyn of damaske, v s. An olde gowan, iij s. iiij d. A sheipe cullar jackat, vij s. ij. olde selblacke jackets, iij s. ij. pair hose, v s. Rist of olde close, iiij s. ij. felte hats, a skoll capp, iiij s. Drawinge of read and grene seye for ij. bedds, x s. A clothe arrowes, iij s. iiij d. A woman's gowan, xx s. A worslat kirtle, x s. ij. reade close, xx d. A counter clothe dornecks, iiij s. A rumland white frese, ij s. viij d. ij. sherts, iiij s. ij. kirtchefs, ij s. iij. quartars and ij. mossellings, x s. A pair rede satan sleves, v s. A pair velvat cuffs, ij s. A night capp, ij s. A silke hatt and a capp, vj s. A silver solte, xviij s. xj. silver spones, xxxvj s. viij d. A gold belte, xiij s. iiij d. — A gilefat in the vaute, xvj d. A frame for lyinge of close in vj s. viij d. A meslinge bason, iij s. A bagge belt and a dangar, ij s. vj d. Silver juells, xxviij s. In spelks, v s. v. ireon teames, iij. foite wethies, ix. torth wethyes, ij. tougg wethies, iij. turne bolts, ij. spare crooks, ij. shackills, xxx s. A gaveloke, ij. hacks, iij. peatspades, ij. flainge spades, a garthe spade, vij s. A cowtar, ij. sucks, a patell, iiij s. vij. lease, iij s. Sum vj^{xx}xij li.

CLXXXI. GRYMSTON WILLELMI DE NIDD.

1574. William Grymstone of Nydd, yeoman* — to be buried in the churche yearde of Nydde. — To Rafe Grymstone my sonne a silver salte with the coveringe which was gyven me by Sir Anthony Maxewell — a crosse or crucyfyxe of golde — my black horse and a graye trottinge stagge — all my weine geare at Clinte, &c. — all the heirelomes in and abowte my howse of the best of everye sorte and degre, accordinge to the anncyent custome of

* The testator was probably a younger son of the great East Riding family of Grimstone, and had been sent portionless into the world to make his own way and to carve out his own fortunes.

the Quenes Ma^ties forrest of Knaisburghe, and my lease, &c. of my farmhold and mylnes att Nydd. — To my daughter Brydgyt Grymstone tenne pounds. To my daughter Elyzabethe and Dorothe, to eyther of them ten pounds. — To Rychard Burnsall my sarvant, a Northumberland cowe to gyve him milke. — To everye of the godchildren of my late wyfe xij d. — To the amending and repairing of the layne going and leding from Nydd towards Sussakers, so farre as the lordshipp of Nydd extendethe, xx s. Rem. to my 3 daũrs. Christofer Wyvell, esquire, and Rychard Lowther gent., supervisors, and I gyve to eyther of them one paire of milnestones, the best that can be gotten in the quarre, in recompense of their paines to be taken therin, and I will that Mr. Wyvell have his delyvered at the quarre on Chissyde, and the other to Mr. Longley, beyond the water of Borobridge. My daughter Jane Grymstone and her part to Rafe Grymstone my son. My daughter Elizabeth Grymstone to my sonne in lawe Thomas Becquithe and my doughter Katryn his wife. — My daughter Dorothe Grymstone to James Turner, and my doughter Brydgyt Grymstone, whome by the grace of God the said James shall marry —

CLXXXII. JOHN ASKELL OF RICHMOND.

May 26, 1574. John Askell of Richmond, to be buried in the church of Richmond — I will and bequeathe unto James Askelle my aunt's sonn the whyt meare y^t^ I do ryde off. Allso I will and bequethe unto John Askell, brother of the said James, towe ryalls of gold, and to myne aunt Grace Askell twentie nobles, and if I hade fourtie pounds she shuld have yt. [Prob. 23 June, 1574.] (*)

CLXXXIII. ROGERI BORGHE ARMIGERI.

In the name of God, Amen. The tenthe daye of October, 1574, I Roger Burghe of Burghe, in the countie of Yorke, esquyre,* being of good and perfect remembrannce, thanks be unto Almightie God, althoughe seeke in bodie, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing. Firste I bequeath my soule unto Almightie God, and my bodie to be buried in the

* Roger Burgh of Burgh, esq., the last male representative of the ancient family of Burgh, married Elizabeth daughter and co-heir of Roger Chambers of Burton-upon-Trent, and left by her an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth Burgh, who married Ralph Lawson, esq., and carried her estates into that family.

porche of Sanct James* within the parishe churche of Catherigg, so nyghe unto my wiffe as convenyentlye maye be. Item I geve and bequeath by this my last will and testament towards y^e^ rapayring of Catherigg church, xx s. I geve and bequeath to my servant Christofer Rawe in consideracion and full recompence of the ferme in Catherigg which I hade after his father's deathe and his faithfull service done to me, xx li. Item I geve and bequeath unto my servant John Metcalf y^t^ fermehold in Catherigg which was his owne during all my years, or els his fynding at my house at Burghe in like sort as he hathe bene used hearetofore by me. Item I geve and bequeathe to my nephue William Wickes and Alice his wiffe and his four children syx pounds xiij s. iiij d. to be equallie devided among them. Item I geve and bequeathe to Cecilie Runnthwayt my servant towards her preferment in marriage twentie marks. Item I do geve and bequeathe to Edward Weldon† and Agnes his wiffe and to his children to be equallie devided among them, xl s. Item I geve to Christofer Greathed, sonn of George Greathead of Catherigg deceased, xx s. And to everye one of his bretheren ten shillings a pece. And to his syster Elenor Greathead towards her preferment in mariage fyve marks. Item I give to my servant Any Fryer syx shillings eight pence, and to Rauphe Braydrige, my cooke, v s. And to my servant Rowland Erington x s., and to Robart Barnes my gardiner iij s. vj d. Item I geve to Margret Lasenbye, Margret Browne, Ann Scurraye, and Cicill Tomlinson every one of theim ij s. vj d. a peece. Item I geive to everie one of my worke servants xij d. a pece. Item I geve to James Lawson, George Lawson, and Thomas Lawerence my sonn in lawe his servants, v s. a peece. Item I geve and bequeath to Oliver Trotter iij s. iiij d., and to Thomas Trotter xij d. Item I geve to Christofer Burghe of Tunstall and to his owne children, xx s. Item I geve to Leonard Bourge and his wiffe xx s. Item I geve to Lancelote Bourge of Bronton‡ and his wiffe, ten shillings. Item I geve and bequeathe unto Edward Burghe of London, if he be alyve, xl s. Item I geve unto everye one of my sonn in lawe his bretheren William Lawson, Raynold Lawson, and Lionell Lawson, one yong fillye stagg, soch as my said sonn in lawe lyketh of to

* The chantry of St. James was founded before 1492 by William Burgh, and is in the north aisle of the church, where its founder lies buried. The word porch ought not to be applied solely to the covered entrance into the church, but frequently comprehends the adjacent aisle. In the obituary of the Burghs their burial place is called *the porch or chappel of St. James*. It is in the north aisle, and was separated from the rest of the church by a screen. The south aisle in the church of Richmond was called St. John's closet.

† An extract from his will has been already given.

‡ The will of Lancelot Burgh of Easby was proved by his executor on the 30th of April, 1577.

geve theim. Item I geve to Francise Burghe th'elder,* towe old angells for a token. The residue of all my goodds not bequeathed, my depts payd, and my legacies discharged, I geve and bequeathe by this my last will and testament unto my sonn in lawe Rauphe Lawson† and Elizabethe his wiffe my doughter and to their children Roger Lawson,‡ Alice Lawson, and Margret Lawson. And I do ordeyne and make my said sonn in lawe Rauphe Lawson and Elizabeth his wiffe my doughter my executors of this my last (will) and testament. And I do constitute, ordeyne, and make Mr. Christofer Wyvell, Mr. Henrie Scroope, Mr. Anthonie Cathericke, and Mr. John Lasenbie, my loving cosens, the supervisors of this my last will and testament, desyering theim and everye one of theim to see the full accomplishement of this my last will and testament according as mye especiall trust is in them, and y^{t} thei will stand frendly unto my said sonn and doughter in all their just and lawfull causes after my decease as my trust is the will do for the great love and frendship that hathe bene betwyxt theim and me, and I do geve and bequeath unto everye one of my sayd supervisors for a token one old ryall a peece. In witnesse wherof to this my last will and testament I have setto my hand and seale the daye and yeare above wryten. Witnesses heareof, Henrie Lawson, John Sayre the yonger, Marmaduke Conyers, John Duffeld, John Spytell, with others. [Prob. 19 Jan. 1574–5.] (*)

The INVENTORIE of all the goods, moveable and unmoveable, of

* Francis Burgh of Spennithorn, "langwhissinge in bodye," makes his will January 24, 45th of Elizabeth, and leaves to his sister Anne Burgh and his nephew Robert Durham his lease of his farmhold in Garriston; to my sister Anne Burgh 100*l.*; my brother William, his wife, and two daughters, my sister Margaret Durham and my sister Dorothy, my cousin Christopher Crofte of Coteskew Park, "to the pouryste of kynrede and moste honeste of Sir Thomas Plewes dissyssed sometymes parsonn of Spenithorn fourtye shillinges, to be distrybutyd at the dyscretion of ther wysseste fryndes. I gyve to Mr. Henry Scrope of Danby a drynkynge glasse of whyte berrall depaintyd; to Barbara Crofte my goddowther a Scottyshe merke of gold. Witnesses, Roger Crofte, &c." [Prob. 22 March, 1601.] The Burghs of Garriston and West Hauxwell were, no doubt, collaterals of the house at Burgh.

† Ralph son of Edmund Lawson of Newcastle by Margaret daughter and heiress of Ralph Swinnow of Rock, esq., married the only child of the testator six years before the date of the present will. He was knighted by king James in 1603, and made his will on the 4th of September, 1623. He died in the same year, aged seventy-six.

‡ Roger Lawson, Sir Ralph's eldest son, died before his father in 1614, and left by his wife Dorothy, daughter of Sir Henry Constable of Burton Constable, a very large family. The estates came into the family of his third son John Lawson, who after having lost his broad lands and country for king Charles I., was restored to his inheritance and created a baronet by Charles II. His will is dated on the 22nd of October, 1698. Sir John's elder brother Henry Lawson was killed at Melton Mowbray in 1644, fighting gallantly for king Charles. He had been married only a short time before to Catherine, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Sir William Fenwick of Meldon, who afterwards became the wife of Sir Francis Radclyffe, the first Earl of Derwentwater.

Roger Bughe, of Burghe, esquier, laite deceased, apraysed by Edward Welden, Christofer Burghe, Richarde Swadell,* and William Rawe the xvj. daie of December, anno Domini 1574.

Inprimis in his purse vij l. xv s. Item one hanger and a dagger, xiij s. iiij d. One corslet and one Almane rivet with the rest of his harnes, v l. *His apparrell.* ij. golde ringes weaynge xl s. viij. shirtes, iij l. iiij. dubletes, iiij. jacketes, iij. gownes, xviij l. ij. petycotes, iij. pare of hosen, xxxj s. viij d. ij. velvett cappes, one clothe capp, one felte hatt, ij. satten nyght cappes, xxx s. ij. Duche clockes, iij l. xiij s. iiij d. In the *perlor.* One standinge bed with all the furnitur savynge shetes, v l. One cobborde, xxvj s. viij d. One longe settell, one cownter, iiij. chares, vj. boffet stowles, one frome, iij. coshines, one litell cobborde, iij l. vj s. viij d. In the *inner perlor.* One standinge bed with the furnitur, shetes excepted, iij l. One trinnell bed furnished, xiij s. iiij d. One counter, one gret chiste, ij. litell chistes, one yoned forme and the painted clothes, xl s. In the *hawle.* Item iiij. tables, iiij. formes, one cobbord, a pare of plainge tables, a carpet and cobberd-clothe, one paire of tonges, one iron porr, iij l. viij s. ij d. In the *gret chamber.* One standinge bed with a bed of downe, and one fether bed of yt, and one trinnell bed with a fether bed upone yt, boythe furnished, except the shetes, x l. One table, ij. cobberds, ij. longe seteles, iiij. yoned stoles, ij. chares, vj. foute stowles, and ij. yoined formes, v l. One pare of andiorones, a fier pann, one pare of tonges, one pare of bellose, xx s. xiiij. coshinges, one carpet, ij. cobbard clothes, l s. In the *myddell chamber.* One standinge bed, one trennell bed with the furnitur, shetes excepted, vj l. One cobbord, one buffet stoule, the panted clothes, xx s. In the *inner chamber.* ij. standinge bedes, one trinnell bed with furnytur, ix l. One cobberd, one brusshinge stoule, one chyste, and one chare, xxvj s. viij d. In the *closet and the inner nurserye.* One wanded chare, one trenell bed, vj. chamber potes, xiij s. iiij d. One gret chiste with napperie in yt, xxiij l. x s. One basket, one coffer, with other trifeles, x s. In the *gest chamber.* iij. standinge bedes furnished, iij l. One chare, iij. formes, one cobbord, x s. In the *litell chamber.* One standinge bed furnished, one chare, xx s. In the *towre chamber.* One standinge bed furnished, one chare, xl s. The *servinge menes chamber.* iiij. bedes furnished, iiij l. In *Johne Metcalfe's chamber.* One bed furnished, xiij s. iiij d. In the *nurserye.* One fether bed, ij. matreses, bedes furnished, and one

* The Swaldells were a very respectable family, and had been for many generations connected with the family of Burgh. In 1492 they joined the head of the house of Burgh in the foundation of the "singing quyer" or chantry of St. James, in the church of Catterick Richard Swaldell of Scorton, gent., the last male representative of his family, made his will in April, 1662, and left several daughters and co-heirs, one of whom, Katherine Swaldell, married Stephen Robinson of Catterick, gent.

coborde, xlvj s. viij d. In the *plew menes chamber*. iiij. bedes furnished, xl s. In the *buterye*. One silver salte doble gilte, one stone pott garnished with silver percell gilt, ij. dosen and iij. spownes, one silver peace parcell gilte, and one silver peace not gilte, one silver pott parcell gilte, xx l. x. glasses, viij s. iij. basinges and iij. ewers, xvj s. ij. chargers, iij. weshinge basinges, x s. iiij. pewder potes, vj. pewder saltes, one gill pott, vj. pewder candell-stickes, and xij. brase candell-stickes, xl s. iiij. stone potes, xij. wood canes, iiij s. One cobbord, one table, a bred binge, xlvj s. viij d. viij. hogeshedes, iiij. barrells, xx s. In the *pantrie*. One table, ij. stoules, one chipping borde, ij s. vj d. ij. flowre potes, xix. plate trenchers, xiiij s. viij d. In the *qytchine*. xvij. podingers, one dosene and a halfe of sawcers, and v. dosen and viij. platters and dishes, v l. xiij s. ij d. viij. brasse pottes, iiij. chafers, vj. ketteles, vj. pawnes, one brase morter, a pestell, ij. chafindishes, viij. spytes, a pare of gret rackes, one pare of iorone gallowes, vij. crouckes, one pare of tonges, ij. broilinge iorones, iiij. pare of pott clipes, iij. dripinge panes, one fryinge panne, ij. brasen panes, the musterd stones, ij. salte townes, xj l. ij s. One cobbord, one cawell, one table, vj s. viij d. In the *pasterye*. One cobbord, iiij. moldinge bordes, one saltinge trowghe, one strikynge knyfe, one fleshe ax, ij. shredinge knife, ij. fleainge knifes, xxviij s. viij d. In the *drie larder*. ij. cobborde, ij. chistes, one table, ij. pewder botteles, one spice morter, one pestell, xl s. In the *wett larder*. ij. kymlinges, one trowghe, v. toubes for saltynge of beafe, one lead seastron fro brawne, one borde, xlvj s. In the *mylke howse*. xx. milke boles, iij. chirnes, with dyvers other milken vessell, xxxiij s. iiij d. In the *brewe house*. One brewinge lead, iij. cowlinge leades in a frame, v l. One mashe fatt, ij. gile fates, vij. seaes, ij. skiles, ij. stoupes, xlvj s. In the *backe howse*. One boltinge towne, ij. kneadinge trowghes, iij. tubbes, with other implementes, xvj s. viij d. In the *kylne and the lowe house*. One cestron of leade, one chease presse, one cawell, with other necessaryes, v l. In the *gardners*. Wheat and rie v. quarters, vij l. ix s. iiij d. Barlei malte and ote malte, xv. quarters, xj l. xij s. Barley and peasen, ij. quarters and a halfe, xliiij s. ix. busheles of grotes, xxxvj s. Owlde cheases, xl s. viij. seckes with other implementes, xxiiij s. viij d. In the *stable*. iiij. saddeles, with brideles and other necessaries, xxx s. *Wane geare and plew geare at Burghe and Catrick*. Wane gear and plew geare belonginge iiij. drawghtes with certeyne new wane geare and plewghe geare, with all other necessaries belongynge husbandrie, xxv l. iiij s. viij d. *Corne in the leaths at Burghe and Catricke*. Wheat, rye, barley, otes, and pease, clxxix l. xij s. In the *milne howse*. The milne stones with other furnitur,

v l. xiij s. vj d. *Corne upon the grounde at Burghe and Catrick.* lx. and iij. acers of wheat and rie, xlij l. *Haye at Burghe and Catricke.* In the howses and fealdes, xxx l. *Newte at Burghe and Catricke.* xl. oxen, c l. xx. kyne with ther calves, l l. x. kine withowte ther calves, xx l. xxij. stotes and stottreles and iiij. bules, xlij l. xix. whies of ij. and iij. yeare olde, xxvj l. xiij s. iiij d. xiij. fatt oxen, and v. fatt kyne, xliiij l. xvj s. viij d. *Shepe at Burghe and Catricke.* lxxxiiij. holdinge weathers, xviij l. ccxxix. holdinge yewes, xlvj l. cc. hoges, xxx l. Fat weathers and yewes, iiij^{xx} xviij l. *Horses at Burghe.* Ridden horsses and mares, xv. xxxvij l. Stages and fillies unreden xij. xxv l. Foles of this yeare, iij. xl s. *Swine at Burghe.* Hoges, sewes and shotes xxxiiiij. viij l. x s. Pultrie, iij l. *Debtes which ar owinge unto the said Roger.* Inprimis by Richard Stoobes v l. By Cristofer Masterman, Vicker of Wilton, xxvj s. viij d. By George Uvedale, xl s. Summa totalis tam bonorum quam debitorum D.cccc.xciii li. ij s. iiij d.

CLXXXIV. JOHN CORNEFURTH OF RICHMOND BUTCHER.

INVENTORY, 12 October, 1574. Inprimis, thre kyne, v li. Item a bay horse, iij li. x s. Two mares, liij s. iiij d. The *hawlle howse.* A cupburd and a spence, xx s. xxiijth pewder dublers, xx s. Seventene sawsers and potingers, vj s. iij. pewder salts, a chamber-pot of pewder, and ij. drynk potts of pewder, v s. ij. chaffin-dishes, ij. lavers, ix. candlesticks, and ij. latten basins, xv s. ij. cawdrons, one ketle, and vij. pannes, xxxiiij s. iiij d. iij. bras potts, one yron pott, a posnet, and a litle ketle, xiiij s. A pair of tongs, one iron scomer, a pair of gallowes, iiij. croks, a reckin chroke, a droppin panne, ij. spets, a brandreth of iron, ij. flesh croks, a brewlinge iron, and ij. fryin pannes, xiij s. iiij d. ij. stele cappes, a halbert, iij. iron wedges, a gavelocke, one axe, a pair of cob irons, and a bill, vj s. viij d. A round table, a short table, iij. chaires, iij. litle furmes, iij. buffet stoles, and a litle stole, x s. A hawlinge, a bynker of wannes, and ij. fox skynnes, vj s. The *kitchin.* ij. litle skeles, a soo, a litle can, a bowtin ton, a trough, a knedin tubbe, xij. wood dishes, ten kitts, skeles, stands, and tubbes, with other wudde vessell and implements, a mask fat, a gile fat, a spynnynge whele, and a pair of woulle cards. The *parlour.* A cupburd, a close pressor, ij. chists, ij. pair of beddstocks, and ij. litle shelves, xiij s. iiij d. ij. table clothes, vj s. viij d. One over-sea coveringe, vij s. vij. happings and a coverlet, x s. vj. qwisshynnes, iij s. iiij d. ij. swourds and a hinger, iij s. A cappe case and a bottell, viij d. *Nappry wair.*

ij. pair of lynnynge shetes, xij s. vij. pair of hardin shetes, xiiij s. ij. towels, ij. table clothes, and vj. codwaires, xiij s. iiij d. iij. pece of lyn of xxiij. yerds and a half, xxiij s. xxx^{tie} yerds of hardin, x s. The *hie chamber*. ij. fedder bedds, ij. bolsters, and ij. mattresses, xxx s. A coverlet, iij. happings, and v. blanketts, xiiij s. ij. teasters of canvas, ij. bedstocks with other hingings in the chamber, viij s. *His apparell*. ij. gownes, iij. jacketts, a dublett, a girkin, ij. clokes, a pair of hoose, a cappe, a girdle, a purse, a daggar, liij s. iiij d. ij^{o} webbs of frees of xxiiij. yerds xx s. xvj. yerds of lynne, xvj s. xx. yerds of sameron xij s. xxxvj. yerds of hardin, xiij s. iiij d. iij. codds, a Flawneders chiste, and one other chiste, vj s. An arroo bagg with arrowes therein, viij d. xxxvij. cuple and one fishe of linge fyshe, l s. iij. vergeous barrels, vj d. ij. swyne, x s. certen woud, xviij d. A packe sadle and a rydinge sadle, xij d. xx. bourds, sex geasts, ij. litle swawles, x s. A bridle, iiij d. The *hay chamber*. In hay, xij s. A stacke of hey of vij. fadom and the fogge of a close, xxvj s. viij d. The *shoppe*. In tallo, xxxvij. stone, iiij li. iij. pycke knyves, ij. axes, and x. litle knyves, v s. A whetstone, iiij d. Four pair of shoppe ropes, iij s. iiij d. A pair of lead weights of a stone, a weigh bawke, and a pair of skales, xij d. Wood, chroks, cambrels, and nowte stangs, vj d. The iron kilpes, xvj d. Foure swawles and foure trists, v s. For the gressome of a close for the term of xx^{tie} yeres to come, x li. Summa totalis, liiij li. iiij s. iiij d.

CLXXXV. REGINALD HYNDMER, PERSON OF WENSLEY.

In Dei nomine Amen. The xiiijth daye of Marche, in the yere of our Lord God 1574, I Reginald Hyndmer,* person of Wensley, within the Achedeaconry of Richmond, beinge seike in bodye and perfitt in remembrance, doo maike this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. Fyrst I gyve and bequythe my soule unto God Almightie my maiker and redeemer (and to the blissed Virgine Marye and to all the Saints in heaven)

* Reginald Hindmers was a younger son of a Durham family which is at present represented by R. H. Allan, esq., of Blackwell Hall, one of the first and most zealous members of the Surtees Society. He began life as vicar of Billingham, in the bishoprick of Durham, which he resigned in 1544 for the lucrative rectory of Wensley, in the North Riding, which was given to him by Lord Scrope. He died at Wensley in 1575, having been rector there for thirty-two years. He probably held other preferment, for on the 20th of December, 1548, there is a general acquittance from John Lord Scrope of Bolton to "Sir Raynold Hyndmer preyst, parson of Hamelden." On the death of his brother Robert Hindmers, rector of Sedgefield, in 1558, he became possessor of the manor of Aislaby, which had been purchased by his brother in the preceding year, and which at his death descended to his nephew and heir John Hindmers. The will and inventory of the rector of Sedgefield have been already printed by the Surtees Society.

(erased), and my bodye to be buryed within the northe doore of the parishe churche of Wensley aforesaid. Item I gyve and bequythe to the said churche of Wensley, xx s. Item I gyve and bequythe to Robert Pemberton my blacke meare. Item I gyve and bequythe to William Spenceley* my bay meare. Item I gyve and bequythe to Henrye Fetherstonhalghe thre sones, John, Lyonell, and Lancelott,† two oxen and one stotte. Item I gyve and bequythe to Michaell Pemberton‡ thre systers thre kyen. Item I gyve and bequithe to Christofer Mayre§ two sones two oxen. Item to his iiij^{or} dowghters iiij^{or} kyen. Item I gyve and bequithe to Robert Todd§ thre sones thre oxen, and to his thre doughters thre kyen. Item I gyve and bequithe to Mychaell Pemberton my best graye geldinge. Item I gyve and bequithe to John Hyndmer‖ my best fetherbedd, my best teaster, my best counterpointe, two pillowes, two coverletts, two blanketts, and two paire of sheets. Item I gyve to Agnes Mayre my neyce my next best fetherbedd, my next best teaster, two fyne pillowes, and two coverletts. Item I gyve to Elles Fetherstonhalghe a fetherbedd and all the clothes belonginge to yt. Item I gyve and bequythe to my neyce Todd a fetherbedd and a mattresse and all that belongithe to theme. Item I gyve and bequythe to Elles Fetherstonhalghe a mattresse. Item I gyve and bequythe to Florence Spenceley a fetherbedd and a mattresse and all the geare belonginge to a fetherbedd. Item I gyve and bequythe to Michaell Pemberton a fetherbedd and all the clothes belonginge to yt.

* The husband of Florence Hindmers, one of the four nieces of the testator.

† Henry son of Lionel Fetherstonhalgh, the third son of Alexander Fetherstonhalgh of Stanhope Hall, esq., married Helen or Alice daughter of ... Hindmers, a niece of the testator. Lionel, his eldest son, settled at Brancepath, and was buried there 16 March, 1625. He died unmarried, and his will is dated on the 11th of March in the same year. Lancelot, his second son, was buried at Brancepath, 19 March, 1634-5. He also lived there and died unmarried. William, his third son, also lived at Brancepath, and was buried there 4 June, 1660. He married and left numerous descendants behind him.

‡ Michael Pemberton was the son of Richard Pemberton of Stanhope by Anne daughter and co-heir (?) of John Hindmers, and was probably a cousin or perhaps a brother-in-law of the testator. In 1595 he purchased the manor of Aislaby from the co-heirs of John Hindmers, and continued there until his death. His will is dated at Aislaby, 6 September, 1624. In it, strange to say, he calls the three sons of Henry Fetherstonhalgh his *brothers*. The other members of the family of Pemberton, whom the testator mentions in his will, are all to be found in the family pedigree. Surtees, iii. 205.

§ Agnes Hindmers, a niece of the testator, married Christopher Maire, and her descendants rose to considerable importance. Ellen Hindmers, her sister, married Robert Todd.

‖ John Hindmers, the nephew of the testator, was educated at Cambridge, where his expenses were paid by his uncle Robert Hindmers, rector of Sedgefield. On the death of his uncle Reginald, in 1575, he succeeded to the family estate of Aislaby, which he held till his death, in 1589, when his four sisters came into possession of his inheritance.

Item I gyve and bequithe to Robert Pemberton a fetherbede and all that belongithe yt. Item I gyve and bequythe my gowne that is fayced with martron to Agnes Mayre. Item I gyve my gowne that is fayced withe coney to Alice Fetherstonhalge. Item I gyve to Robert Todd children my olde clothe gowne and a frees gowne. Item I gyve to William Spenceley wyfe my shorte gowne lyned with freseaydoo. Item I gyve to my syster Isabell Hyndmer one old clothe gowne. Item I gyve and bequythe a standinge cuppe doble gilt to Elizabeth Hyndmer that Mr. Scroope did gyve me to be an ayrelome att Ayslabye. Item I gyve and bequythe to Henrye Fetherstonhalghe wyfe a sylver pott doble gilt. Item I gyve and bequythe to Christofor Mayre wyfe a sylver salt. Item I gyve and bequythe to William Spenceley wyfe two mattresses. Item I gyve and bequithe to John Hyndmer my cosen xl li. to be receyved within iiij^{or} yeres after my deathe of the tennants of Ayslabye, according to the covenants maid betwixt Mr. Henry Scroope esquier and me, for the assurance of all my lands that shoulde discende and come to John Hyndmer, and to the heirs of the said John. Item I will and gyve to my lord Scroope and my laydye his wife, and to them that shall succeade me and keape howse, my two brewinge leads in the kytchinge, my maskfatt, coolingfatt, and gylefatt, withe all other brewinge vessell nowe standinge in my said kytchinge, and one greate brasse pott with a lytle brasse pott, two greate speets, and all the dresser bords in the kitchinge, with a leasen troughe, two tubbes for keapinge of salt in, and other tubbes and barrells in the boultinghouse, two bedstocks in the greate chamber, with a table, a cupborde, and two furmes, one paire of bedstocks, with a trenle bedd, one cupbord, and a old chiste in the lytle chamber, ix. hogesheads in the buttrie with the gantrees and traves there, one olde almerey, one olde cupbord for settinge rye breade upon, one wanded skeppe to put breade in, two gymletts for saltinge of fleshe in in the larderhouse, one troughe for broken fleshe, one barrell for otemele; all which things I leave unto my lord Scroope and my laydye, and those that shall succeade me (condicionallie, that is to say, that the said lord Scroope and ladye and the next incumbent after me shall discharge my executors of the delapidacions, or otherwise I will that my said executors shall taike into there owne hands all thos things conteaned in the said legacye). Item I gyve and bequithe my chist of ciprisse unto my ladye Scroope. Item I gyve and bequithe to my lord Scroope my Flanders chist. Item I mayke my executors of this my last will and testament John Hyndmer aforesaid, Christofor Mayre, Henry Fetherstonhalghe, and William Spenceley. Item I will that my said executors shall bringe me honestlie forthe — and to gyve to

the poore people ten pounds, and ten pounds to be bestoued for a dynner att my buryall. Witnesses herof, John Hyndmer, Henrye Fetherstonhalghe, William Spenceley, Michaell Pemberton, and Robert Pemberton. [Prob. 21 July, 1575.]

INVENTORY, 17 March, 1574. In the *hall*. Inprimis one cupborde with a carpett, iiij s. ij. tables, a carpett, a borde, a frame, and a paire of tressells, vj li. viij d. A chaire and thre qwyshings, ij s. vj d. A pair of playinge tables, vj d. A paire of tongs, xx d. ij. mayles and a paynted clothe, iiij s. One buffett forme, viij d. One skonce, ij d. Summa, vj li. xiiij s. ij d. In the *greate chamber*. ij. trussinge bedds, ij. teasters, one paire of hangings, ij. fetherbedds, one mattresse, ij. bolsters, iij. pillows, one pillyver, ij. paire of blanketts, ij. paire of sheets, iij. coverletts, ij. counterpoints or coverings, and one matt, v li. xiij s. iiij d. One table, ij. crissetts, and a carpett clothe, vj s. viij d. ij. buffet formes (ij s.), v. qwishings (v s.), one chaire and buffett stoole (iij s. viij d.), and a land iron, hangings (xx s.), about the same, xxx s. viij d. One chamber pott, viij d. Summa, viij li. xj s. iij d. In the *lytle chamber*. One standbedd, one harle bedd, ij. fetherbedds, ij. mattresses, a bolster, one pilloue, one paire of sheets, ij. paire of blanketts, ij. coverletts, ij. counterpoints, a teaster with hangings of grene and read sayes, a chaire, iij. qwyshings, ij. cupbords and a clothe, one great Flanders chist, one chamber pott of puther, vj li. xiiij s. Summa. — In the *east chamber*. ij. stand bedds, one fetherbedd, ij. bolsters, one paire of blanketts, iij. coverletts, one counterpointe or coveringe, one pair of sheets, one matt, one hurle bedd, one cupbord with a carpett, one chaire, one chist, one chaffer, and ij. speeres, 1s. Summa. — In the *inner chamber*. One borded bedd, one fetherbedd, one paire of blanketts and half a shafe of arrowes, xxvj s. viij d. Summa. — .... ix. latton cande .... (ix s.) .... hogesheads (x s. viij d.), iij. .... (iij s.), one chist, ij s., one almerye .... one bayson and ure (iiij s.), one great charger (ij s.), one lynning tableclothe (v s.), ij. diaper towells (v s. iiij d.), iij. sheets (x s.), one wanded skepp (xx d.), ij. buffett stooles (xii d.), certen glasses potts (xiij s. iiij d.), and other things, iij li. x s. Summa. — In the *larder*. ij. gymletts (xl s.), with beafe in theme, one barreH (vj d.), one hogeshead (xvj d.), one troughe (xij d.) for broken fleshe, xiij s. x d. Summa. — In the *parlor*. A standbedd (vj s.), and a trenlebedd, a teaster (j s.), with hangings (v s.), xj s. ij. fetherbedds, ij. mattresses, iij. bolsters, iij. pilloues, v. blanketts, vj. coverletts, iij. paire of lynne sheets, iij. pillevers and one paire of harden sheets, vij li. vj s. viij d. One counterpointe (xiij s. iiij d.), ij. chists (xxxiij s. iiij d.), certen gownes, clokes, and other apparrell (vj li. xiij s. iiij d.), iij. cupbordes (xv s.), ij. carpetts (ij s.), a chaire

and ij. lether qwyshings (ij s.), ij. buffett stooles (xij s.), ij. lettrons (vj d.), one hamper (iiij d.), one forme (ij d.), ij. chamber potts (xij d.), a paire of tongs (vj d.), certen bookes (iij li. vj s. viij d.), one table clothe of lynninge (vj s.), one qwyshinge and certen hangings (xiij s. iiij d), xv li. xv s. vj d. Summa. — *Corne in the garnes.* In wheate xviij. bushells, iij li. In rye vj. bushells, xij s. In barley malt vj. quarters and a half, v li. iiij s. In haver malt vj. qwarters, xlviij s. Summa. — *Corne in the barnes and haye.* Wheat and rye in the barnes, ix li. ij s. viij d. Haver in the barnes, xx s. Barley in the barnes, xxiiij s. Hay in the barnes and in the fealds, iij li. xvj s. Summa. — In the *kytching.* ij. baykon flicks (vj s. viij d.), iiij. corne sacks and cole sacks (iiij s.), ix. puther platters (x s.), xiij. puther dishes (x s. iiij d.), vj. sawsers (ij s. viij d.), iij. brasse potts (xxx s.), one great caudron, (xx s.), iiij^{or} pannes (iiij s.), one fryinge pan (xij d.), iiij^{or} speats (iiij s.), and one brandrethe (viij d.), iiij li. xiij s. iiij d. iij. paire of pott hooks (vj d.), one payre of iron rackes (xx d.), one paire of iron gallasse (v s.), one paire of tongs (xij d.), one broole iron (iiij d)., one chaffinge dishe (xij d.), one fleshe crooke (ij d.), one iron peale (ij d.), one braysen morter and a pestell (v s.), one lattan laddell (ij d.), one skommer (iiij d.), xv s. iiij d. ij. brewinge leads (xxxiij s. iiij d.), one maskfatt (v s.), one kooler (v s.), one gylefatt (v s.), one great troughe (ij s. vj d.), iij. hanginge bords (xx d.), ij. . . . . ge bords (viij d.) with other things, one wyndo-clothe (iij s.) . . . . one recken . . . . (x d.). Summa, lvij s. In the *boultinge house.* iij. tubbes for kneadinge in (ij s.), ij. bowltinge clothes (xij d.), ij. tubbes for fethers (iiij d.). Summa, iij s. iiij d. In the *mylke howse.* One stand bedd, one mattresse, one coverlett, ij. blanketts, one paire of sheets, one bolster, and a happen, ij s. vj d. Certen skeeles, bowles, doblers, dishes, syles, chesefatts, and one kearne, ij s. vj d. Summa. — In the *kylne.* One kylne hayre (viij s.), one steaping fatt of stone with a tubbe v s. Summa, xiij s. — *Cattall.* viij. horse and meares, xj l. xiij s. iiij d. One fole, xxiiij s. viij. oxen, xvij li. xiij s. iiij d. vij. kyen, xj li. xiij s. iiij d. v. stotts, vij li. xvj s. viij d. ij. qwyes, iij li. iij. styrks, iij li. xv s. lxx. wether sheepe, xv li. iij s. iiij d. Fyve swyne, xxiij s. iiij d. Summa. — In *playte.* One sylver goblett doble gilt, xl s. One sylver pott with a cover doble gilt, iij li. vj s. viij d. One sylver salt parcell gilt, xxiij s. iiij d. ix. new sylver spoones, xxxvj s. viij. olde sylver spoones, xxx s. Summa. — *Waynes and plew geare.* ij. longe waynes (iij li. vj s. viij d.) withe iron-bound wheales, ij. cowpe waynes withe clogge wheales (xxvj s. viij d.), iiij^{or} wayne ropes (ij s.), ij. cowters (vj s.), and one socke, vj. teames (xij s.), ij. horse teames (iij s. iiij d.), and iiij^{or} tugwiddes, ij. wayne shackells (xij d.), one ringshackell

(iiij d.), vj. ironed yocks (iij s. iiij d.), iij. iron wedges, (vj d.), and two wombles (vj d.)— vj li. ij s. iiij d. ij. howkes with borkes, spaydes, axes, moldraiks, pitcheforks, sythes, hooks, and other implements, vj s. viij d. Summa. — Summa totalis, c.lxxix li. iij s. ij d.

Detts owinge by the same testator. Inprimis to the curayte of Bolton (xl s.), to the curayte of Rydmer (xl s.), to the curayte of Wensley (xlij s. viij d.), vj li. ij s. viij d. For other servant waiges as appeareth by his books.

Legacies (*the same as in the will, these only priced*). Item to my ladie Scroope a ciprisse chist, liij s. iiij d. To my lord Scroope a Flanders chist, xx s. To the churche of Wensley, xx s. To Robert Pemberton a black meare, xl s. To William Spenceley a baye meare, xl s.

CLXXXVI. CUTHBART SWYNBANKE OF RICHMOND DRAPER.

Marche 17, 1574. Cuthbart Swynbanke of Richmonde, draper.* — I will that my wiffe paie to my sister Jennet Swynbancke forthe of the house in which I do dwell xiij s. iiij d. yearelye, that is to saie, vj s. viij d. at Easter, and as moche at Christenmas, to releve her withall, and that she shall not be in house with her sister, but goo and gett her relefe as other lame peple do within this towne. Also I will that the overseers of this my last will at there discrecon to take her within my shopp a newe gowne clothe of blacke of iij s. iiij d. the yeard, one payre of hose, a felt, and give her the same at her going from my wiffe. To Arthure Hutchinson my wiffes sone one stagg which goeth in Spofforthe parke. Supervisors, Mr. Thos. Wraye, my gossope Robart Smelt,† my cosin Cuthbert Pepper.

CLXXXVII. GALFRYDE CALVERT‡ OF BURTON IN BUSSHOPDAILL.

Inventory 11 May, 1575. In the *hall.* Inprimis ij. meite burds, xiiij d. j. olde counter, iiij s. ij. chayres, xij d. j. long chiste, ij s. vj d. v. litle stules, iiij d. j. olde almery, ij s. j. dysshe borde with iij. loose bords ends in yt, x d. j. burde being a hanging shelf and ryven, iiij d. j. shorte hanging shelf of iiij.

* The testator was a most respectable tradesman in Richmond.

† Robert Smelt, who is more than once mentioned with respect, was probably connected with the family of Smelt of Kirkby Fletham. He was the first recorder of Richmond, and was succeeded in his office, in 1586, by Cuthbert Pepper of St. Martin's.

‡ The Inventory of the goods and chattels of a dalesman, which are of a very curious and miscellaneous character.

litle bords, iiij d. j. olde syve and a rydle, iiij d. j. backstone, iij d. j. yron speite, viij d. j. litle broile-yron, iij d. j. reckand, vj d. j. paire tongs, ij d. j. paire potte crooks, ij d. A litle axe, ij d. j. olde weight balke with skayles, ij d. j. paire olde sheires, j d. xij. pewter dublers, viij s. j. latten candlesticke, x d. j. latten chawfyn dysshe, x d. ij. olde kettills, x s. iij. brasse potts, vj s. iij. litle pannys, ij s. j. litle wod morter with a pestill, j d. j. burde within the chymney, j d. j. wod pecke and j. half wod pecke, iiij d. A firme, j d. iiij. litle olde wod bowells, iiij d. iij. litle wod cheisefatts, ij d. j. mylke syle, ob. viij. litle wod dysshes, j d. ob. ij. wodd gallons, iiij d. j. flesshe kytt, ij d. j. mylke kytt, j d. j. olde fryeng panne, ij d. j. old calgarth spade and j. haye spayde, iiij d. j. paire of olde wollen cards, iiij d. ij. litle wodd cannys, j d. Summa, xlv s. viij d. *In the seller.* ij. yerds and iij. quarters graye freise, ij s. ix d. j. stone hempe, ij s. iiij d. xj. yerds and a half hardeyn, ij s. ix d. j. wyndo clothe, viij d. iij. olde packe clothes, xij d. ij. olde packe saddills, ij s. vj d. j. hackney saddill furnysshed, xx d. iij. waymetoyes, viij d. iij. twharters, iiij d. ij. wayne roopes, viij d. ij. halters, a troncheon of a spere, iij d. j. olde dagger in a rotten wod sheithe, ij d. iiij. olde sacks, viij d. iij. pare bedd stocks, xij d. j. long chyste, xx d. ij. litle olde chists withoute lydds, vj d. j. litle pressor, ij d. j. litle old brewing tubbe with a stole, iiij d. j. spynnyng whele with stule, viij d. Summa, xx s. ix d. *In the stable.* ij. long burds of oyke, xx d. iij. lesse burds of esshe, x d. ij. peite horse carres, vj d. j. sledde for ledyng peits, vj d. j. oxe donge cowpe, viij d. ij. paire clogg wheeles for oxen, ij s. j. carr to leade corne and haye, iiij d. ij. stone oxe sledds, viij d. j. long ladder, viij d. j. paire cowpe raythes, iiij d. j. culter and one socke, xvj d. ij. yooks furnysshed, viij d. ij. teymes, j. horse draught, j. buck shackill, j. plewghryng, ij. paire toggwethes, ij. axill nayles, iij s. iiij d. iij. axiltrees, xij d. iij. paire traces, ij d. Summa, xiiij s. iiij d. *In the lawe chambre.* j. greate chiste, xvj d. iiij. burds being shelffs and j. litle burde, viij d. j. chiste with a louse lydde, viij d. ij. burds lyeing over the garthe there, ij d. ij. ale potts, j. stand, j. backeburde, and j. wandyt creile, vj d. j. olde kneding troughe, j. chirne, iiij d. j. litle peice of a beife flycke and a peice of a bacon flycke, ij s. j. hamber, j. paire pynsores, j. paire swevills, iij. qwysshyngs, vj d. Summa, vj s. ij d. *In beddyng.* iiij. coverletts, x s. iiij. happyns, vij s. j. paire lynnen sheits, xx d. j. paire harden shetes, xvj d. ij. litle codds, viij d. Summa, xx s. viij d. *Hys rayment.* j. olde reade jackytt, xvj d. j. olde freised jackytt, xx d. ij. paire olde whyte hoose, ij s. j. chamlet dublett, xx d. j. ledder dublett, ij s. j. capcace, iiij d. j.

showting bowe, vj d. j. burde clothe and a peice of a burd clothe, xij d. ij. paire olde freised slopps, xij d. j. paire boots, ij s. ij. old baggs, j. belt and a daggar, viij d. ij. swerds and a swerde belte, xvj d. ij. old sherts, xx d. j. paire spurres, iij d. j. olde hatt and a night cappe, one old jerkyn, ij. clokes, j. waiscote, iiij s. In money in his purse, xlij s. Summa, iij li. iij s. v d. *In moveable goods.* x. wedders, xlix s. iij. ewes, ij. lambes, xv s. iiij. sheipe hoggs, xiij s. iiij d. iij. stotts, iiij li. xvj s. iiij d. iij. kyen with theire calves, v li. x s. j. whye, xxiij s. iiij d. ij. stirks, xx s. ij. horses, j. meire, iiij li. j. cocke, j. henne, viij d. iij. ducks, viij d. Summa, xx li. v s. iiij d. — Somma totalis omnium bonorum, xxviij li. xvj s. viij d. *Debts that he owed.* Inprimis to Edward Danbye for ij. stotts, iij li. To Roger Tesymond for breade, iiij d. To John Sympson for a pecke malte, vj d. To Umfrey Wylson for horse showing, sharping of irons, and ale, xj d. To John Tennante for a stone hemppe, ij s. iiij d. To Edward Danby for mutton, iiij d. Summa debitorum, iij li. iiij s. v d. Summa de claro deductis debitis, xxv li. xij s. iij d. *His legaces.* Inprimis to James Calvert j. ledder dublet, ij s. To Thomas Calvert j. lambe, xx d. Summa, iij s. viij d. *Funerall expences.* Inprimis, to Francis Doddisworthe for two stones cheise, iij s. viij d. For bread boght at Myddilham, vj s. For bread bought of Roger Tesymond, xj d. To Janet Weddereld for breade, xiij d. To Robert Jaike for breade, xvij d. To John Carleton for butter and cheise, xix d. To Edward Danbye for butter, viij d. To Richerd Sympson for a pecke wheite, xij d. Gyven to the poore in money, iiij d. For making y^e^ grave and fetching the beare, v d. For the churche dewtyes, xiij d. For lyeing in the churche, iij s. iiij d. Summa, xxj s. vj d.

CLXXXVIII. THOMÆ METCALF TESTAMENTUM.

May 16, 1575. I Thomas Metcalf of Bellerbie in the countie of Yorke, gentilman.*—To Mathewe Metcalf† and Anthonie

* The eldest son of Lucas Metcalfe of Bedale by Katherine daughter of Robert Jackson of Gatenby. He married Dorothy daughter and heir of ... Dransfield, and appears to have died childless at an early age. His Inventory is dated on the 6th of June, 1575. The old hall of Bellerby, which is still standing, seems to have contained eight rooms; the parlour, buttery, chamber over the parlour, storehouse next the same chamber, chamber over the hall, chamber over the kitchen, kitchen, and hall. The furniture of the hall is worthy of being recorded. It then contained "one drawinge table with a clothe of dornex, one cownter, one longe forme and one shorter, one chare, one cubberd, one bassinge and an euer, ohe paier of iron gallowes and fyve crokes, ij paier of tonges, one old fyer shovell, nyne quisshings, one paier of playinge tables, xl s. Item, ij saddells with their appurtenances, vj s. viij d."

† Mathew Metcalfe married Lucy daughter of William Parkinson of Burneston and had by her a large family.

Metcalf* my bretheren my estate and terme of yeres which I have yet to come in Coterende in Wenseladale, in the countie of Yorke. Also I geve to the said Mathewe towe of my best kyne which is at Bellerbye. Item I geve to Franncese Metcalf and Lucas Metcalf sonnes of the said Mathewe, either of them, twentie ewes. Item I geve to John Metcalf my brother† xl s. in moneye. Item I geve to my said brother Anthonie my estate and terme of years yet to come in the lease at Coreham. Item to my sister Anthonie Metcalf his wiffe one blewe saphyre ring of gold. Item I geve to my nece Cordella Metcalf xl s. in moneye. Item to Christopher Parkinson my sister's sonn xl s. Item to William Parkinson his brother xl s. Item I geve to Jeffraye Blayds xl s. in moneye. Item I geve to Richard Binks and William Binks, my sister's sonnes, between theim, iiij li. Item I give to Francese Foster‡ a gelding. Item to Christofer Foster one gelding or v li. in moneye. Item I geve to my sister Margret Metcalf§ v li. in moneye to be paid at the daie of her mariage. Item I geve the lease of Askrigg and Studderflatt, for all the estate therin yet to come, to my brother Anthonie Metcalfe, and my best mare and her foole. Item I geve to Dorothe Stapletonn my sister's doughter xl s. Item I geve to George Foster my sealing ring with a redd stone in yt. Item I geve to my most naturall and loving mother‖ the legacies declared in a will by me made in the xvth yeare of the quenes maiesties reagne that nowe is, which will is in my evidence chest at Bellerbie. Item to my ostes Johnson his wiff one cowe. To the poore woman that keepes me nowe in my sickenes a gowne. To John Proune a quye of ij. years of age. Item to my brother Thomas Parkinson a horse worth fyve marks. To his wiffe my sister, the best whye that is about my house at Bellerbye. Of this my last will I ordeyne and make my welbeloved wiffe Dorathe Metcalf, Anthonie Metcalf my brother, and Francise Foster my executors. The residue of all my goodds to my said executors, revoking all former wills and legacies, except the gift to my mother Katherine Metcalf. Overseers,

* Anthony Metcalfe, the testator's brother, is not recorded in the family pedigree. He probably settled at Stanwick.

† John Metcalfe of York, merchant, married Alice daughter of Alderman Herbert of York, and left by her a numerous issue.

‡ Of the family of Forster of Laburne. They were connected by marriage with the house of Dransfield.

§ Margaret Metcalfe afterwards married John son and heir of John Smelt of Ainderby Myers, who made his will 30th of March, 1597-8. Dorothy Metcalfe married John Stapleton of Bedale. Jane Metcalfe, a third sister, married Thomas Parkinson of Burneston. A fourth sister, Mary, who married Bartholomew Slinger of Richmond, and three brothers, Luke, Richard, and Simon Metcalfe, are not alluded to by the testator. Simon Metcalfe makes his will at Bedale in 1606.

‖ Katherine Metcalfe, the mother of the testator, makes a very interesting will in 1588.

my brother Nicholas Metcalf,* my cosen Thomas Wraye, and my brother in lawe John Stapleton. Whereof I the said Thomas have putto my hand and seale the daye and yeare abovesaid in the presence of Jeffraye Blayds, John Dowson, wiffe to William Johnson, Rauphe Proune grocer, and Margerie Midleton. Tho. Metcalf. [Prob. 13 July, 1575.] (*)

CLXXXIX. SMITHSON EDMUNDI NUPER DE ERIHOLME DEFUNCTI TEST. ET INVENT.

In the naym of Gode so be it. The xx. daie of Januarii, in the yere of owre Lorde God a thowsande fyve hundreth threscore and fyfteyn, I Edmunde Smythson, preist and curat of the parishyng of Eriholm upon Teise,† beyng of perfit mynde and remembrannce, praisse and thanks be to Gode, make this present testament conteinynge my last wille in maner and forme folowyng: First I commende my soulle to the mercye of Almyghtie Gode the Father, the Sonne, and the Holye Ghoist, and my bodye to be buried in my parish churche yard at the est end of the qweire, or els wher it shall pleisse Almyghtie Gode to taike me to his greit mercy. Also I geve and bequith to my brother Sir George Smythson‡ preist, my side gowne of broide cloithe, my sarcnet tipet, and fourtye shyllyngs in money, whiche money he shall receive at my brother Thomas Smythson's§ hands as he convenyentlye maie spaer it. Also I geve to my brother Thomas Smythson my meit table and my sylver spoyn, and thes two thyngs to remaynge to the haerrs of that howse for ever. Item I geve to George Smythson and Francis Smythson, my brother Thomas sonns, my jaket and a girkyng of blak russette to maike thaym girkyngs of. Item I geve to the poore people there shalbe at my buriall to everie one of thaym one penyworthe of breide. Item I geve to everie cottage of the towne foure pennce. Item I

* Nicholas Metcalfe became one of the six clerks in Chancery. He, no doubt, owed his name to his great-uncle Nicholas Metcalfe, D.D., Master of St. John's College, Cambridge.

† The curate of the humble little chapelry of Eryholme-upon-Tees. His will is made by himself, and his goods are of the poorest description, fully proportionate to the value of his benefice. He seems to have been connected with a wealthy branch of the family of Smithson.

‡ Sir George Smithson, who has been more than once mentioned before, seems to have been a curate at Middleton Tyas, or some neighbouring church.

§ Thomas Smythson of South Cowton, yeoman, the brother of the testator, makes his will 26 October, 1584, and directs himself to be buried in the parish church, near his first wife. He leaves to his son George all his lands, paying to his brother Francis 40*l*. He also mentions Emmet his wife and Beatrix his brother's daughter. The will is proved November 25, 1584, and the Inventory mentions Francis Smithson, the testator's brother, as well as Sir George Smithson.

geve to my noistes (mine hostess) my litle new chaer and the pewder dowbler that she did channge. The rest of all my thyngs that I have, that is to saie, my household stuffe, my chamber and thyngs within it, and all my rament, whithe all other thyngs that is myne, my legaces and funerall expences deducted, I geve onto Rycherd Smythson my brother, whome I maike my sooll and full executor. Item I ordayn and constitute Sir George Smythsone, preist, and Thomas Smythson, my two bredren, supervysors of this my last will, requiryng thaym for the love of Gode to se this my last will perfored and doyne accordyng to the affecte of the sayme, as my full trust is in thaym that they wille dooe. Thes witnesses, William Wormleye, Jhon Burnet,* Thomas Writhson, and Roland Spence. —Edmunde Smythson preist.

An INVENTORIE† of all the goodes and cattells of Sir Edmond Smissons, laite curate of Eriholm, praised by Thomas Wrightson, William Wormley, John Burnett, and William Nesam, the xiiij. day of October, in y^e^ yere of our Lord God 1575.

Inprimis a cubborde, xx s. A calle, v s. A table, iij s. iiij d. a dosen pece of powder, viij s. Twoo candelstickes, xvj d. Two saltes, xij d. A cawdron, x s. Twoo chese bordes, viij d. Two chaires, xx d. One masfat and one gile fatt, ij s. One chese presse, vj d. One paire of tonges, vj d. One fether bed without bolster, xvj s. ij. paire of shetes, ij. paire of blankettes, ij. coverlettes, ij. paire of blanketts, ij. happens, iiij. codds, xxvj s. viij d. ij. mattresses, xij s. Item ij. paire of bedstockes, iiij s. vj. painted clothes, iij s. iiij d. ij. chistes, iij s. One presser, xij d. Summa, vi li. *The debitorie.* William Wormley for tithes, xv s. x d. Dame Wormley, xx d. Edmond Pullen, xxvj s. vj d. Rowland Spence for tithes, xv s. Thomas Wynspere, xviij s. x d.

* The Burnets were a family of very great respectability. They lived at the Hill House in the parish of Eryholme, and afterwards migrated to Hurworth on the opposite side of the Tees. John Burnet was the eldest son of Thomas Burnet, who died in 1557. The will of his mother Elizabeth occurs in 1586.

† A very interesting Inventory and will of a successor of Smythson in the curacy of Eryholme, John Idson, occurs in 1628, and it would be curious to compare them with the present. They are written *manu propria* at great length in a small book, and the testator has appended to it a list of the poor that he wishes to relieve, and a list of the guests whom he would have asked to his funeral dinner. Idson, who seems to have been a Scotchman as well as a staunch Puritan, desires to be buried in his own church, "near that good man of God Mr. Francis Revington, his predicissor at Eriholme. Next it is my will and mynd that Mr. Rathmell of Barton, my countrieman, if he be lyving; or Mr. Simon Birkbeck of Forcet, my patron; or Mr. Henry Barker, or some other *zealous preacher*, preach at my funerall and to have 10*s*. Item, it is my will that those who make my grave have xij d. for there paynes, and I would have it made in a *varye comely fashion*. 5*l*. for my funeral dinner, and Mr. Burnett of Barton and his wife to be invited to come to the same. I would have good content given in that respect to all my well-mynded neighbors, and I would have the yonge and aged poore of the towne to have the broken meat what remaynes distributed amongest them and as need requireth," &c.

John Wynspere, iij s. x d. Raf Johnson for tithes, iij s. x d. Mynnye Brere for tithes, x s. ix d. Henrye Brawnson for tithes, iij s. vj d. Dame Brere and Frances Rawe, for my tithes at my entring, ij s. viij d. James Neisam for tithes, iij s. William Hodgson for tithes, iiij s. iij d. John Wrightson, xij d. Robart Browne of Neisam, x s. Richard Northe, iij s. x d. Georg Northe for tithes, xx d. Peter Gaile for a foile, xx s. Summa, vij li. xvj s. vj d. ob.

CXC. JOHN CASSE* OF SCRIVEN.

INVENTARIUM, 12 April, 1576. (*Inter alia.*) Item a cubburd, a dishbenck, viij s. A maske fat, a gile fat, a worte troughe, a dough trough, a stand, vj s. viij d. A paire of musterd quernes, ij. skeles, xvj d. iij. bacon flicks, vj. befe flicks, xxiiij s. Swine greace, xvj d. ij. gallons, a kyt, a woodd bottell, a lether bottell, ij. quart potts for house, j s. iiij d. Tallow candells, ij s. Painted clothes, xij d. A pece of Spanishe iron, a hackell, ij. pare of woll combes, iij s. iiij d. A pond et dim. of blew woll, an old ark, a gantry, and a bourd, iij s. iiij d. ix. syckells, a pare of woll cards, ij. barrells, a ratton fell, ij s. viij d. ij. sythes, a spinning whele, ij. bourds, a dragge, ij s. ij d. ij. shelves, ij. garnwindell stocks, iiij. skepps, a crele, a hopper, half a stone of woll, iiij s. iiij d. vij. lea of sack garne, vij d. A ston of salt butter, ij. kytts, ij s. viij d. A pece of bacon and another of bef, xij d. A gymling, v s. A gang of speaks, iij s. iij. mould bords with plew heads, handells, sheirs, and stertres, ij s. iij. iron mould rakes, ij. shodd forks, xij d. Turves, oxen bowes, and oyther hustelment, xvj d. ij. lode of ellar powlls, iij s. iiij d. ij. pare of couperathes, ij s. viij d. vij. axeltres, a plewbeame, a wayne ronge, xx d. A chese presse, iiij d. A swine tubbe and a stolle, vj d. iij. sives, reddells, a bushell, a peck, ij. scuttells, xx d. Powlls, felks, and oyther hustalment there, iij s. ij. stand hecks, xij d. iiij. pare cowpe soles and oyther soune tymbre under y^e^ paill, vij s. All y^e^ wodd on y^e^ smythy hill and iiij. sheds in the wayn house, ij s. A sledde, ij s. xij. foull barres, iiij d. —

CXCI. JAMES WADESON OF ASKE.

May 14, 1576. James Wadeson† of Aske. To be buried in the churchyard at Richmond nigh unto Christopher Mason. — To

* A small tradesman in the neighbourhood of Knaresborough. Several very curious words occur in the enumeration of his stock.

† The testator appears to have been a surveyor, and the list of his tools is very interesting.

my m^{r} a chest locke which cost me vj s. viij d. To my m^{rs} a fellie stagg. — To William Acrigg my books, towe playnes, ij. chesells, one handsawe, ij. percer bitts, ij. gourges, ij. fyles, also my geometricall rewler of brasse, with a pair of compases of brasse, and another payr of compases with a scour. To George Harberd my dagger. To George Todd a gun, which Christofer Mason gave me. To everye prentise in my m^{r} his house, vj d. To John Whyt ij. playnes, towe gourges, ij. chesells, and ij. embowing playnes. To Richard Moyser my sword. To Percevall Gonson my dyall. To George Sigiswicke my mare. To the woman that kept me in my sickeness my clocke. — My lease to my boy, and the use thereof to George Sigiswicke and Christofer Pullaye for the bringing up of my boie at the schole and to my occupacon. — My work day gere to poore folks. (*)

CXCII. RICHARD FISSHER OF NEWBIE UPON WISKE.

July 27, 1576. Richard Fissher of Newbie upon Wiske, yeoman* — to be buried and layd on the sonn syde of the crosse in the parishe churche yarde of Kirkbye upon Wiske. To William and John Fisher my sons, my tenements in Newby. [Prob. 3 Aug. 1576.] (*)

CXCIII. SIR RICHARD HOLME CLERKE.

Nov. 19, 1576. I Richard Holme clarke,† — my bodye and bones to be buried in Tatham church. Also I wyll y^{t} every prest that cummys to my buriall have vj d., and scolars and other persons to have by dyscrecyon of my executor. Also I gyve to every god . . . . that I have xij d. — I gyve to John Taubot vj s. viij d. INVENTORII somma totalis, xxx li. xv s. iiij d. Debts to him, ix li. xix s. viij d. ob. [Prob. 5 May, 1578.]

* The wish expressed by testators to be buried near a particular place is of extremely common occurrence. Many chose the churchyard cross, some had a blew stone or a *through* stone under which they desired to be interred, whilst others wished their bones to rest under the kindly shelter of the churchyard tree. In the cemetery of the cathedral of Durham stood an aged thorn, which overshadowed the graves of more than one family. In 1641 James Raine directs himself to be laid "in the parish churchyeard of Romald church, at the *sunn side of the wheare doore*, beside the broken marble."

† Holme in the indorsement of his will is said to have been "late chaplen to Sir Thomas Stanley and Sir William Stanley, lords of Hornbie."

CXCIV. ISSABELL SPARLYN OF KYRKBY UPON THE MORE.

February 6, 1576. I Issabell Sparlyn, of Kyrkby upon the Moore, spinster — to every poore house in Kyrkebye sex pence, and to every poore house within the said parysshe fower pence. — To William Atkingson, vicar of Kyrkeby, the best ewe that I have. Also I geve and bequithe to Anne Frankland a pare of silver crocks at Kilbourne parke. — To George Thornton my sister's sonne, y^e^ fedder bed that I lye on, a sylver spone, &c. in recompence of y^e^ bedde Sir Wm. Gray,* late vicar of Kyrkebye, deceased, gave him. — my sister Annes Thorneton — to my sister Harland a self black gowne with furre, with a sylver pomell and penell gylted and enameled at Peter Frankeland at Kylneborne parke. — my brother John Sparlyn. — To Wm. Cooke whom I have tuycion on twentye old ryalles fyften shillings a pece y^t^ is in the custodye of my brother Peter Frankeland at Kylneborne afforsaid and a tablet of sylver double gylt and y^e^ chyne y^t^ it hangeth upon. — To my brother Peter Frankeland, my sister thereof, and Leonard there son twenty one old angels, three duble duckytts, and ij. . . . a crusadoe. — Also I gyve to my forsaid sister Frankeland a rynge of gold and a bayre heade of gold. — To George Thorneton a blacke clooke which was vicars — Wm. Thornton — sister Margery Frankeland. [Prob. 3 Febr. 1576–7.]

CXCV. SIMONIS FULTHROPP TESTAMENTUM.

Marche 14, 1576. Simon Fulthropp,† of the Long Moores, in the paroche of Easebye — to be buryed in the church of Easbye. — To my wiffe Johane Fulthropp my best horse and my fermehold at Seton to bring upp my fyve children upon as long as she kepeth her widowe, and yf she marrie I will that he that maryeth her be bonde to bring upp my fyve children upon the said fermeholde untyl thei be able to worke for their lyving and be of perfect age. — To my sonn Thomas Fulthropp my half of the fermehold in Houghton in the Spring for his child's porcion of goods, and he not to truble my wiffee and children anye forther

* William Gray, vicar of Kirkby Hill, in his will, dated 23 January, 1575-6, directs his body to be buried in the chancel at Kirkby. He leaves to every poor household in Kirkby, viz., "the shephirde, vidua Wynds housholde, Maryan, Henry Waddington, Edwarde Merman, and Thomas Shomaker," each 6*d*. To the shepherd's household in Milby, 6*d*. To Thomasin Mackley, 20*s*., which I received of Mr. Ingland and Mr. Vicar of Stillington, for a bargain against the sale of her father's goods. [Prob. 23 Aug. 1576.]

† An unrecorded member of the great family of Fulthorpe.

for anie more goodds for his child's porcion and barne part of goodds. — To my sonn Thomas Fulthrop my fermehold at the Long Moores, and he to paie unto his brethren and sisters vj li. xiij s. iiij d. yearlye basyds the Lords ferme during my lease. — My brother Francisce Fulthrop and my sonn Thomas Fulthroppe executors — my brother Francisce Fulthrop, Mr. Richard Swayle and M^r. Robert Smelt supervisors. The rest to my wyfe Johanne Futhrop and myene children. — Witnesses, Mr. John Rudd. — [Prob. 21 April, 1577.] (*)

CXCVI. JOHN LATON THE YONGGER OF WEST LATON.

Memorandum that John Laton the yongger,* of West Laton, the second daie of Maie, in the yeare of our Lord God 1577, and in the xx^th yeare of y^e reagne of our soveraigne ladie Elisabeth, by the grace of God quene of England, Fraunce, and Yreland, defender of the faith, &c. did by word of mouth declare and make his testament or last will nuncupative in maner and forme folowing, viz. taking his father John Laton† by y^e hande said, "Father, I do knowe all y^t I have came by you and by your good meanes, and therefore I frelie leave it and geve it all to you." Witnesses hereof Francisce Johnson and Ann Nesome. [Prob. 14 May, 1577, adm. to John Laton of West Laton, gen. his father.] (*)

The INVENTARIE of all and singuler the goodds, cattells, and crediths which did appertayn unto John Laton, of Westlaton, the yongger, gent. at the tyme of his death, praised the xx^th daie of Maie, in the yeare of our Lord God 1578, et anno reginæ dominæ nostræ Elizabethæ nunc reginæ, &c. vicesimo, by Francisce Laton, William Laton, Radulphe Neshum, and Mathewe Evers.

Imprimis, his arparell praised to xiij li. vj s. viij d. Item a jewell of goulde, x li. Four geldings, a nagg, and a mare, xxx li. Somme, liij li. vj s. viij d.

Detts due and owing to the said John Laton, deceased, by sondrye persons, as appereth more at large by a booke made

* A most interesting and affecting will. The testator was a second son, and appears to have died at an early age by an untimely death. From his Inventory he must have been "a gallant, gay, young gentleman," passionately fond, no doubt, of revelry and horseracing, for, with the exception of his dress, his horses are the sum and substance of his worldly wealth. These, indeed, he seems to have turned to a good account, for if the large sums of money which are enumerated in his schedule of debts were the product of his racing career, his winnings must have been very large. May we venture to fill up the picture and imagine the young man to have been thrown from his horse and brought home to die, while two old servants are hastily summoned in to catch the last few and faltering words of their expiring master.

† A fragment of his will is still remaining, dated 17 November, 1588.

thereof wrytten with his own hand. Firste by Henrie Wytherington, esquyre, lxij li. x s. By Robert Aplebie, xv li. ix s. By John Wandisforde, v s. vj d. By James Grene, v li. ix s. By Sir William Hilton, knyght, xlvj li. By old M^ris^ Laton, xxx s. By Elizabeth Smythe, iij s. iiij d. By Robert Laton, xxix li. xj s. By John Sparling, x s. By Thomas Stringger, iij li. By Thomas Calvert, vj li. v s. ix d. By John Whitell, iiij li. By George Metham, x s. By Tho. Gower the yongger, x li. x s. By Cuthbert Marshall, x s. By Thomas Laton, ix li. ij s. x d. By Mr. Belamie, xv s. vij d. By William Sympson, xxxvj s. vj d. By Charles Laton, c.iij li. xv s. vj d. By Thomas Robinson, of Mortham, xxxij s. vj d. By Robert Denton, xv s. iiij d. By James Eubanke, xliiij s. By William Graye, Mr. Withrington his man, xxxij s. By Henrie Laton of Hornebie, xv s. viij d. By Agnes Lightfoote, iiij s. vj d. By Margret Lightfoote, xx s. By Agnes Lightfoote, xx s. By William Ellington of the mount, ix s. iiij d. By George Cotes, xiij s. vj d. By Edward Topphame, iij li. x s. vj d. By James Metcalf, iij li. vj s. viij d. By Francisce Newsam, xv s. By William Stangnes, xxx s. By Janet Yngledewe of Eston, xvj s. vj d. By William Robinson of Sexsey, v li. xviij s. ix d. By Thomas Lodeman, vj li. xj s. viij d. By Christofer Picard, xiij s. viij d. By Nicholas Gower, xvij s. vij d. By James Morleye, viij s. By John Maie, viij s. iiij d. By John Breare cliff, xj s. By Edward Jordan of Yorke, xxx s. viij d. By Francisce Branebrigg, liiij s. x d. By Sir George Hearon, xxx s. viij d. By Nicholas Yong and Percevall Gaile, xliiij s. By John Ridleye of Northumberland, iij li. viij d. By Robert Teasdell of Kneresdell clerke, xxij s. viij d. By Edmund Metcalf, xxv s. iiij d. By Nynyane Ednell, xviij s. vj d. By James Tipping, iij li. ij s. vj d. By John Barthomas, xvj s. x d. By Mason of Feldom, xxiij s. iiij d. By Lyllie for five years fee, xxx s. By Robert Stubbs, v s. ij d. By John Laton, v s. ij d. By Cuthbert Wrightson, xv s. By Cuthbert Wrightson, iiij s. iiij d. By M^r^. Darcie, vj li. Mr. Darcie upon his xlv s. besydes the fee for Langbarie, viij li. v s. By Mr. Waller, iij li. xvij s. viij d. By M^r^. Alvered Uvedall, xx s. vj d. Radulph Phillipp, vij s. viij d. Hudson contra Hule, xiij s. viij d. By Edward Bynks, xj s. iiij d. By Leonard Baytes, vij s. iiij d. By Christofer Lyth, xxxvij s. iiij d. By John Clarke of Kylde, iij s. iiij d. By John Simson, brother to Aplebye Mr. Bowes man, iij s. x d. Thomas Aplebye versus Baynbrigg, xxij s. By Robert Rookebye, lj s. viij d. By John Conyers, of Danbie, v s. iiij d. By Henrie Goulland, vj s. iiij d. By uxor Elden, xiij s. x d. By Robert Calvert, vj li. xj s. viij d. By Robert Donn and Eliner Donn, xlj s. By Chewe of Cockwold, iij li. vj s. viij d. By William Laton, vj li. xvj s. By Charles

Clerson for his xij s. By Lee, of Staynton, vs. By William Robinson of Grenehowe, xl s. By Ascolphe Cleasbye, cv li. By John Laton, xvj li. Summa totalis debitorum, ccccc.lxx li. x s.

CXCVII. THOMAS SWALE OF NETHER DUNESFORTHE GENTLEMAN.

7 Sep. 19 Eliz. Thomas Swale of Nether Dunesforthe, gentleman,* — to be buried within the churche of Marton, neare the place where my father was laid. — To Richard Swale my brother my baie nagge. To Peter Swale my brother iij l. vj s. viij d. — To everie power householder in Nether Dunsford, Over Dunsford, and Branton, that hathe no corne of theire owne growinge, one busshell of bread corne. To my three servants to everie of them a lambe. My doughter Isabell with her porcion to my brother Gilbert Swale.† My doughter Dorothie to the custodie of my brother Richard Swale. My dowghter Clare to Margaret my wyffe — My brother John Swale —

CXCVIII. RICHARDE SWAYLE.

In the name of God, Amen. The firste daye of December, in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand five hundrethe seaventie and seaven, I Richard Swaile of Easebye, in the countye of Yorke, gentilman,‡ of an hole mynd and perfect remembrannce,

* The earlier part of the pedigree of the family of Swale is much involved. Antony Swale of the parish of Marton, gentleman, who may perhaps have been the father of the testator, by his will, dated 12 September, 1562, directs himself to be buried in the churchyard of Marton. He mentions his wife Alison, and Adam, Gilbert, and John Swale his sons. His will is proved 8 Jan. 1568-9.

† Gilbert Swale of Green Hammerton, gentleman, makes his will 16 November, 1605. He mentions the children of his son-in-law Peter Smithson (by Katherine, his daughter), Olave Swale his (eldest) son Francis' daughter, and the rest of his children, his son Richard Swale, his mother. Frances and Katherine Swale are witnesses to the will, which is proved April 11, 1606. Edith Swale, his widow, died at Green Hammerton in 1610.

‡ The present will is one of peculiar interest and importance, inasmuch as it puts an end to the conjectures and solves the doubts of many an antiquary. In the year 1790, a piece of wooden frame-work, which had been hanging from time immemorial in the chancel of the church of Easby, fell from its place, and an inserted slide was discovered, consisting of an inscription to a person of the name of Richard Swale. This inscription was written on paper, and comprised four different copies of verses in the Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and English tongues. The date was unfortunately imperfect. As the inscription evinces considerable learning, and at that early period Richmondshire could not be very fertile in scholarship, Dr. Whitaker ascribes it to the famous Miles Coverdale. Another antiquary has fallen into the opposite extreme, and has considered it to be the production of John Jackson, who was master of Richmond School about forty years after the date of the present will. We may safely take a middle course. In the first place, the inscription itself, which the editor, by the kindness of the vicar of Easby, was permitted to inspect, is decidedly, so far as the

ordayne and mayke this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowinge. First I committ my soule to Almightie God, trusting by the meritts and passion of his sonne Jesus Christ my onely Saviour to be partaker and an inheritor of the heavenlye kyngdome. And I will my bodie to be buryed in the paroche church of Easebye. Item I bequethe and geve to the parishe church of Easebye ten shillings. Also I geve to the parishe churche of Bolton upon Swayle vj s. viij d. Item I geve to every house within the parishe of Easebye four pence, which I will to be distributed amonge them before my departure out of this liff. Item I geve to the paroch of Richmond twentie shillings, which I will also to be geven and distributed amongst the poore folks there in my life tyme. Item I geve for mending of highe wayes about Uccarby tenn shillings. Item I geve to my wife Dorothe Swayle* the occupacon of all my leases of Uccarby during her naturall lyfe. And also the lease of the tyeth there, and if she happen to departe this life before the said leases be expyred, I will and geve them to John Rudd the yonger my nephue. Also I geve my lease at Wathcote during the tearme of my years, to have the occupacon of the same to my wife and my brother John Rudd. Also I geve to my wife Dorothe and my brother John Rudd my lease of the house y^{t} I dwell in at Easeby for y^{e} tearme of nene years, and the rest of y^{e} years y^{t} be unexpyred I will and geve hollie unto y^{e} eldest sonne of Robert Collingsonn who then shalbe lyving. Also I geve to my wife and to my brother John Rudd the lease of Lingie Close lying within the lordshipp

handwriting and paper go, of the same period as the present will. Again, the date existing on the inscription (of which a fac-simile has been given by Dr. Whitaker) does not militate against the year of the present will,—the insertion of the numerals D L, for which there is ample space, will at once remove all difficulty. May we not then venture a third conjecture, and suppose the inscription to be the work of *John Clarkson*, master of Richmond School, who is mentioned in the present will, and about whom further particulars shall be shortly given? That he was qualified to compose it no one can doubt. The testator, who was probably connected with the great family of Swale, no doubt came to Easby as a tenant under the lordly house of Scrope, who were the hereditary patrons of the Abbey of St. Agatha and the *then* lessees of its site and demesne lands. He died, according to his epitaph, on the 24th of April, M(DL)XXVIII., "after that he had lyved fourescore and sixe yeares one moneth and sixtene daies." The inscription has been deposited for security in the Museum at York.

* Dorothy Swale, after the death of her husband, retired to Cowton Grange, and makes her will there 6 March, 1587-8. She leaves to her niece Dorothy Robinson "one faire kawledron, one fysshe panne, one selver salt;" to her cousin Else Robinson, 20*l.*; to her cousin Richard Robinson and Dorothy his wife, her lease of Uckerbye tythe, both of corne and hay;" to Dorothy Robinson, "iij. quisshings of arrise worke, j. quishing of nedle-work, j. selver spone, &c.;" to her cousin Else, "j. plaine oke chiste, with a great laped band that it lokes with, ij. selver spones, &c.;" to Dorothy, Walter Robinson's daughter, one "sipres coffer." [Prob. 21 May, 1588.] Her maiden name was Rudd, and the wills of more than one of her kinsmen have been previously given.

of Skythbie. Item I geve to my wife Dorothee an ambling whit mare. Item I geve to myne executors my lease of Somerlodge in Swadaile for y^e^ space of three yeares, and after that tyme ended, I will and geve yt to Christofer Swayle of Grinton and to his children. Item I geve to my brother John Rudd a yong whit gelding that was in the house. Item I geve to Anthonie Rudd my nephue an horse worthe twentie nobles, or twentie nobles in monye. Item I geve to Richard Rudd if he wilbe rewled and councelled by myne executers and his maister, nowe in his prentiship, twentie pounds; but if he shall do to y^e^ contrarie and not be governed, I will that myne executers shall geve him never a penye, but to keep this my legacie in their owne hands so long as he shalbe an apprintise and afterwards to bestowe yt upon him as thei see cause according to their discrecons. Item I geve to Roger Rudd my nephue twentie pounds to help him at the Universitie. Item I geve to John Smith and his wife Dorothee my neece twentie nobles. I geve to the right honorable my lord Henrie Scroppe my good lord and maister my stoned horse daple gray, trusting that he wilbe good lord and m^r^ to my wife and those y^t^ I leave behynd me. Item I geve to my ladie Scrope his honor's wife tow ould ryals. Item I geve to my yong m^r^ M^r^ Thomas Scrope one of my mares in Bolton parke. Item I geve to M^r^ Henrie Scrope his brother an angell. Item I geve to M^r^ George Scrope my bald geldinge and twelve pounds in monye. And wheras ther is a bill of twelve pounds seaven shillings six pence due unto me by James Phillipps, I besich his worshipp that he would be a meanes to helpe myne executers unto yt. Item I geve to Porcivall Phillipps wife a quarter of rye, a cow and a calf, and a black nagge which was Yates. Item I geve to Umfray Phillipps my towhanded sworde, an oxe that he haith in his owne hande, and a cow and a calf. Item I geve to John Rudd my nephue if he will be ordred and counselled by myne executors and supervisours twentie pounds. Item I geve to him a colt stagg. Item I geve to John Swaile my best gowne and a mare in Boulton parke. Item I geve to Christofer Swaile tow kyne which I have lent him alredye, and all the somes of monie that he dothe owe me. Also I geve to his eldest sonne a cowe and a calf. Item I geve to John Clerkson, scole m^r^ of Richmond,* twentie shillings. Item I geve to my servants everye

* John Clarkson, master of Richmond School, is probably the writer of the present will and the composer of the epitaph upon the testator. He had been a member of Trinity College, Cambridge, and was consequently well qualified for such a work. Before his death he appears to have resigned his mastership, and to have retired to Newstead to spend the remainder of his days in peace in the family of Ascough. Here he probably employed himself in educating the children of his host, and, many years after his death, there was a room in the house of Low Newstead which still bore the

one of them a years wages, that ys, to Robert Apedaile xx s., to Edward Rudd xx s., to John Addeson xx s., to Cuthbert Harrison thirten shillings four pence. And also to my maid Margret Harrison thirtene shillings four pence, Margret Robinson thirtene shillings four pence, and to Margret Gelderd xiij s. iiij d. Also I geve to Bridgit Phillipps towards her mariage twentie nobles. Item I geve to Symond Cowper v s. All the residue of my goods and chattles unbequethed I leave and geve to myne executor, my funerall expenses and other extraordinarie charges accquited and discharged, whom I constitute and appoynte to be my wife Dorothe Swaile and my brother John Rudd, of this my last will and testament. And for my supervisours I only put in trust, and requeste Mr. George Scrope esquier of Langley, to tayk yt upon him, not doupting but he will see all my former gyftes and legaces paid and discharged in such sort and order as I have geven and bequethed them, eaven as my great trust is in him. Richard Swayle. Wittnesses, John Clerkson, William Nycolson, John Hurd, John Peacoke, and Tho. Paltrigg. [Prob. 8 July, 1578.] (*)

CXCIX. THOMAS PASMORE * OF RICHMOND.

INVENTORY, 8 February, 1577. A dishe bencke, xvj d. — A pentesse, vj s. — A sword, iij s. iiij d. A booke called Psalter,

name of the Scholars' Chamber. His will is dated at Newstead on the 13th of September, 1599, and two or three extracts from it will be read with interest: — "To my brother Bartholomew, my patent which I have of the towne of Richmond; to Robert Clerckson, my girdle and dagger: also I give to y^e^ schoole of Richmond a Cowper's dictionarie in Robert Warde's hande, to be kept for y^e^ publick proffitt of y^e^ schollers of y^e^ said schoole, desiringe y^e^ schoolemaister, whosoever, to have a care the same maie be preserved and kept in such good sort as y^e^ same maie continue about y^e^ schoole, to doe good to those schollers y^t^ shall come to y^e^ said schoole longe hereafter. Item I give unto Trinitie Colledge in Cambridge a cup of silver of v li. charge, to be made by the appointment of myne executors with this insculpsion or engravinge therein:—

Pauper Ioannes dictus cognomine Clarckson
Hunc cyathum dono gratuitòque dedit.

Item for all such bookes as are in my chamber at Richmond I leave them to Mr. Thomas Smelt, because, in lyke manner, I had them left by his father; willinge him also to call of Mr. Ewbanck the preacher for divers books which I lent him as in Mr. Smelt's name: one of the said, I remember is Eckhin's works upon y^e^ Evangelists; but cheiflie a booke of his father's called of St. Gregorie works, a great book y^t^ coste his father xvj s. My brother Bartholomew and Robert Warde of Darnton executors, trusting that, by his diligence and discrecon, my brother's simplicitie and weaknes maie be the better directed and governed." [Prob. 12 Dec. 1599.]

* The following inventory of a Richmond tradesman is of great interest and value. It is curious to observe how one or two shops appear to have monopolised the whole of the custom in towns of even a larger size than Richmond in these times. Richmond was never at any time famous for trading spirit, and gloves were almost the only article manufactured there to any extent during the sixteenth century.

xvj d. — A forrest bill and ij. staves, viij d. — Certayne litle salt fishe, xx d. Tow leaces of ij. closes, iij li. vj s. viij d.

Imprimis, xxxvij. bonds of lynt, at iij s. iiij d. a bond, iij li. ix s. vj d. Item vij. stone and pounds of rough lyne, xxiij s. viij d. — xiiij. stone and vj li. of Halliflax lyne, at iiij s. ij d. a pound, iij li. iiij d. — ij. firkens and a halfe of sope, at xij s. a firken, xxx s. — An hundreth and a quarton and iij. pounds of rotch allom, at xxxij s. an hundrethe, xlj s. v. pound and a half of pepper, at ij s. viij d. the pound, xiiij s. viij d. — Half a hundreth prones, save a pound, vj s. iij d. ij. pounds of great rasens, viij d. A pound and a half of stakhornes, vij d. v. pounds of galles, v s. vj. quare of capp paper, xij d. xij. quaire of paper, iij s. vj d. ij. Dictionaries, xx d. — A Greeke grammer, x d. x. Accedences, ij s. .vij. Prymers, xviij d. xxviij. bookes called Pueriles, v s. iiij d. xij. A B C books, vj d. ij. yeards of buckeron, xvj d. In hatt bandes, viij d. Remlance of sylke lases, xvj s. xiiij. thousand of smale pynnes, vj s. A thousande great pynnes, ij s. vj d. Mase, cloves, and gynger, vj s. Synamon vj. onces, ij s. iiij d. Nutmugs and buttons, ij s. iij. dosen of cards, vj s. ix. pounds of skeane thred, xviij s. iiij. ponds of fyne inkle, ix s. iiij d. In course inkle iij. quarterons, ix d. In staveacres, ix d. In womesede and cenye, xvj d. v. yeards and iij. quartrons of lynen clothe, iiij s. viij d. ij. pounds and iij. quartrons of crewles, v s. A peece of reed mockadowe, xxj s. iiij. yeards of duble reed mockadowe, vj s. ij. yeards of reed russells, ij s. viij d. ij. yeards of whitt geanes, xx d. xvj. yeards and a half of (*blk*), viij s. In whit geanes and russett, xviij s. xiiij. elnes of canvas, xiiij s. xxiiij. yeards of harden and sammeron, xij s. xx. payer of hosen, xvj s. vij. yeards and a half of clothe for boolt clothes, iij s. ij. boults of threed, viij s. In thembles and nedles, iiij s. x. pounds of hempe, ij s. viij d. Sparmacetis and (*blank*), iij s. Quicksilver, ij s. viij d. Ballons great and smale, iiij s. A box of combes, ij s. vj. onces of sanders, vj d. In elson blayds and packnedles, ix d. In bruntstone, treacle, and comin, xiiij d. x. dosen of trenchers, xx d. — In saffron and iiij. quare of paper, xxij d. In arseneck, xij d. Spicknell, turmirick, and gallingall, ij s. A ponde of graynes, xx d. In glaspes, kepers, anletts, and long pepper, ij s. vj d. vj. pounds of reed lead, xviij d. Half a pound of anetsedes and licorize, iiij d. A pound of wax, vj d. Two pounds grene coperas, viij d. viij. yeards of gartering, x d. ij. felts of xiiij. pence y^e^ pece, ij s. iiij d. ij. felts at xij d. the pece, ij s. iij. children felts, xviij d. vj. felts at xiiij d. y^e^ pece, vij s. vij. felts at xij d. the pece, vij s. ix. whitt capps, x s. vj d. One mold hatt, xij d. iiij. pounds of hoppes, xij d. ij. pounds of rosen, iiij d. Turpentyne, narvall, and oyle de bay, iij s.

Orkment, ij. pounds, viij d. ij. chists in the shoppe, viij s. ij. frying panns, xij d. Tow hampers, v s. iij. brusshes, ynkhornes, wast girdles, and bowe strings, ij s. iiij d. Tow dosen and a half of lead weightes and brasse weights, ij s. vj d. Somme, xxx li. xij s. v d. —

CC. CHRISTOFERI WIVELL TESTAMENTUM.

In y^e^ name of God, Amen. I Christofer Wyvell of Burton Constable, in the countie of Yorke, esquier,* this presente xxvj. day of March, 1577, — being of good and perfiett remembrance.— First and principallye I geve and bequethe my sowle to Almightie God, and my bodye to be buried in my closed within y^e^ parish church of Massam in y^e^ said countie of Yorke, if yt shall happen me to dye ether within y^e^ said parish of Massam or parishe of Fyngall within y^e^ said countie of Yorke, otherways at y^e^ order and disposition of myne executors. Item my full mynd, intent, meaning, and will is, and also I do will and bequethe that my entyrely beloved wife Margret Wyvell shall have during her life all my maners, messuages, houeses, dove houses, mylles, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with ther appurtenannces whatsoever in Burton Constable and Garrison in y^e^ said countye of Yorke, except one fermehould in Burton Constable aforesaid which John Merman now occupieth, and also except one fermehould in Garrison which Frances Brughe now dwelleth on. And also I do geve, will, and bequethe unto y^e^ said Margret for and during her life all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Spenithorne in the said countie of Yorke, nowe in the severall tenures or occupacons of the wife of Anthonie Burgh, Richard Roweth, John Rowth, and Rauph Calvert. And also one feilde called Litle More feld, and one close called Brode Inge close in Spenithorne aforesaid, both the said closes now being in my owne occupacon. Also I geve, will, and bequethe to my said wife all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with th'appurtenannces in Skabbed, Newton, and Thorneton, in Bowlmershier in y^e^ aforesaid countie of Yorke, to have and to hould — for terme of

* Son and heir of Marmaduke Wyvill of Little Burton, esq., by Agnes daughter of Sir Ralph Fitzrandall of Spennithorne, and eventually one of the co-heiresses of her family. He married Margaret daughter of John Scrope of Hameldon, Bucks, a younger son of Henry Lord Scrope of Bolton, by Phillis daughter of Ralph Rokeby of Mortham, esq., and had by her four sons and two daughters: 1. Marmaduke; 2. Richard, who appears to have died young; 3. Robert; and 4. Christopher. Margaret, his eldest daughter, died 12 April, 1565, and was buried in York Cathedral. Dorothy, his second daughter, married Solomon Swale of South Stainely, esq., by whom she left issue. She was living at the time of her husband's decease in 1594.

her naturall life, in full allowance, recompence, and satisfaction of her right or tytle of dowre of, in, or to all and singuler the maners, lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever within the realme of England, whereof I the said Christofer Wivell now stand, or at any tyme heartofore during the espousalls betwene me and the said Margret have bene seased as of any estaite of enheritance, if she the said Margret will in such maner and forme accept and tayke the same after the death of me the said Christofer. And further I will and devise by this my last will and testament that Robert Wyvell my second sonne shall have all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Swaneby in the said countie of Yorke, asswell in possession as in revercion to him and his heires for ever, unto the proper and onely use and behove of y^e^ said Robert Wyvell, his heires and assignes, for ever. And also I will and bequethe that the said Robert shall have all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with their appurtenances in Danbie and Thorneton Steward, in the said countie of Yorke, together with all such houswould stuff, furniture, and implements of household as I now have, or heretofore have had at or in the mansion house of Thorneton Steward aforesaid, and nowe remayne conteyned in an inventarie maid in or about such tyme as Marmaduke Wyvell my eldest sonne* entred into y^e^ said mansion house, ther to dwell, to have, and to hould y^e^ premises with their appurtenances in Danbie and Thorneton Steward aforesaid unto y^e^ said Robert Wyvell for and during his naturall life onelie. Also I give, will, and bequeth to Christofer Wyvell my third sonne all and singuler my maners, lands, in Spenithorne aforesaid, being at the day of y^e^ daite hearof in y^e^ tenure or occupacion of y^e^ aforesaid Marmaduke Wyvell, for terme of y^e^ naturall life of the said Christopher Wyvell. And also I geve and bequeathe unto the said Christofer Wyvell all my lands in Spenithorne bequeathed to my wife for her life onelie, to have and to hould the same unto the said Christofer Wyvell my third sonne immediatlye from and after the decease of the said Margret my wife for and during his life onelie. Also I will and bequethe that Christofer Wyvell, my brother Wyllyam Wyvell sonne, shall have one annual and yearlie rent charge of liij s. iiij d. out of my maner of Staynley, to be payd unto the said Christofer Wyvell yearlye during his life at towe severall tearmes in the yeare, that ys to say, at y^e^ Annunciacon of our Ladie xxvj s. viij d. and at St. Mychaell the Arkangell other xxvj s. viij d. with power to distrain.—Also

* Marmaduke Wyvill was created a Baronet by King James in 1612. He married Magdalen daughter of Sir Chr. Danby, by whom he left a large family. He died on the 9th of January, 1617, aged 76, and was buried in Masham church, where his monument is still remaining.

I will and bequeath that Francis Brough of Garryston shall have his ferme that he sytteth on rent fre for terme of his life naturall, and after his death to remayne unto the said Margret my wife for and during her life onelie.—Also I geve and bequeth to John Merman his house and his ferme that he occupiethe for terme of his life, and after his death to remayne unto the said Margret Wyvell my wife for and during her life onely. The residue of all my maners—unbequethed, and the reversion—of those bequethed by this my last will, I geve, will, and bequethe unto the said Marmaduke Wyvell my sonne and heire apparant. Item I geve and bequethe unto my wife the whole use, occupacon, and profitts of y^e^ farme and lease of y^e^ parsonag of Fingall during her life, and for the terme of yeares yen to come, paying to Christofer Wyvell my sonne yearlye after he accomplishe y^e^ age of xviij. yeares vj li. xiij s. iiij d. at tow severall termes in y^e^ yeare, y^t^ is to say, at Martynmas and St. Markes day, or within xx^ti^ dayes next after either of y^e^ said feasts, and yf it fortune my said wife to dye before y^e^ expiracon of y^e^ said years, the residue to remayne wholy to y^e^ said Christofer — my wife to have the use and custodie of hir childe porcon till he be xxj. — and if she die my son Christofer to be at the appoyntment of her last will. Also I geve unto my afforesaid wife y^e^ draught of oxen at Fingall with all thinges to them belonging for terme of her life, and so to leave them to the said Christofer Wyvell accordingly as she receyved y^e^ same. Item I geve and bequethe unto Marmaduke Wyvell my sonne and heire y^e^ whole use, occupacon, possession, and profitts of my farme and lease of y^e^ parsonage of Massham. and all the termes of years of and in the same to come after my deathe. Also I geve and bequethe unto the said Marmaduke all my leases of the lordshipp of Kyrkstanley. Also I geve and bequethe to my said son Marmaduke Wyvell my best stoned horse, viij. oxen at Lytle Burton, and all y^e^ necessaries to them belonginge, as wayne, yockes, and teames, my iron bound carte with all things therunto belonginge, and all my brewing vessells at Lytle Burton, the great chamber, the lords chamber, y^e^ parlour under y^e^ lords chamber, the haule, the butterie, and y^e^ kytchinge, to be furnished as shall appeare by an inventorie mayd about the dayte of this my last will and testament. Also I geve unto the said Marmaduke all my armuor at Lytle Burton. Also I geve unto the said Marmaduke one basen and eware of sylver persell gylt, tow sylver boweles with a cover persell gylt, tow sylver saltes with a cover dooble gilt. Item I geve and bequeth unto my doughter in lawe his wife one ambling gelding. Item I geve unto my sonne Sallamon Swaile one gelding or v li. in moneye, whether of those bequests he is willing to have, and to my

doughter Dorothe his wife x li. Item I geve and bequethe unto my brother Wylliam Wyvell one nagg or fyve markes, whether of the said gyftes he is willing to have. And also I geve and bequethe to my brother Fraunces Wyvell one nagg or fyve marks, whether of ye said gefts he is willing to have. Item I geve unto my sonne and heire Marmaduke Wyvell the tuicon and bringinge upp of Christofer Wyvell of Waleworthe, with all such monie as shall appeare in a bill annexed to his father's will,* with x li. more which I geve unto the said Christofer. Also I geve and bequethe unto Christofer Wyvell of Thorneton my dunne horse which was under strunte tayle maire. Also I geve unto Marmaduke Wyvell his brother one bay meire called bay Gyll. Also I geve to Elizabethe Wyvell x li. towards ye preferment of hir mariage. Also I geve and bequethe to my brother John Scrope, my brother Adrian Scrope, and to my brother Robert Scrope, everye one of them an ould ryall for a remembrance. Item I geve unto my nephew Frances Scrope, to my nephew Henrie Scrope, and to my nephew Henry Thorsbye, everye one of them an angell for a remembrance. Item I give to my neece Anne More xl s. Item I geve to my cosing Philles Dodsworthe† xx s. Item I geve and bequeith unto every yeoman servante within my house at ye tyme of my deathe one half years wage over and besydes such wages as ys due unto them at the day of my deathe. And also unto all other servants in my house, as well men as women, one quarters wage over and besydes such wayges as ar due unto yem at ye same tyme. Item I geve to Marmaduke Wynterskell all my hosen as well sloppes as nether stockes, all my bootes and spurres, and all my hatts, except one hatt which haith a brutch on yt, and also one fushing dublett. Item I geve and bequeth x li. of monye to be distributed and geven in almes for ye healthe of my soule to the most poore, nedye, impoteent, and lame persons dwelling

* Sampson Wyvill of Walworth, in the county of Durham, makes his will on the 12th of April, 1568. He mentions his eldest son Christopher, his son Thomas his daughter Margaret, and Faith his wife. He appears to have had a lease of the rectory of "Lanfurth," in Notts, and a moiety of the rectory of "Garsdayle, Sadbar, and Dente," in Yorkshire. Chr. Wyvill of Barton, and Nicholas Girlington of Hackforth, esqrs., Marmaduke Wyvill and Nicholas Girlington the younger, gentlemen, are his supervisors, and his eldest son Chr. is committed during his minority to the charge of his uncle the testator. His Inventory is dated on the 16th of September, 1568. He owes his brother Francis for malt, 12*d*. He married Faith daughter of Nicholas Girlington of Hackforth, esq., by whom he left three children. She re-married George Pudsay son of Henry Pudsay of Barford, esq. He resided for some time at Walworth, where eight children were born to him, and afterwards settled at Stapleton, in the parish of Croft, where he died in 1590-1. His wife survived him, and was probably buried at Croft, November 20, 1617. Thomas Pudsay, her third son, succeeded to the family estate at Stapleton.

† Dorothy Wyvill, an aunt of the testator, married Richard or Roger Dodsworth of Thornton Watlass, esq., and Phillis Dodsworth was one of their children.

and inhabiting in such places as hereafter followethe: that ys to say, in ye parishinge of Massham v li., in ye parishinge of Fingall iij li., and in ye parishing of Spenithorne xl s., to be payd by my executors over and besydes my funerall expenses. The resydew to Margret my wife, Robert and Christofer Wyvell my tow sonnes, they xrs, — supervisors my loving brother in lawe Henrye Scrope, and my loving sonne Marmaduke Wyvell — and for the paines taking theirin I geve to either of them tow ould ryalls for a remembrance. — In witness whereof I have set my hand and seale, &c. these being witnesses, Lanclot Rowth clerke, person of Fyngall, &c. Christofer Wyvell. [Prob. 10 May, 1579.] (*)

CCI. EDWARD KYRKELANDS OF KENDALL.

Inventory, 24 April, 1578. Kitchinge fee, vs. iiij d. — Item a caff bedd, a bolster, and bedd close, xvs. — iiij. stone weit wooll, xxviij s. A pair studills, quelis, cards, raving fatt gangs, and all other geare perteyninge wooll worke, xiij s. ij. barells, ij. stoiles, garne windills, viij d. iiijor swiles, iij. trisses, xij d. — A stone selblack wooll, viij s. Black wooll and black garne, xv s. More in wooll, vs. — iiijor syckles, a pair wyes, and iij. stafs, tazills, v s. viij d. — More in tazills, ij s. iij. flacks, xviij d. — ij. old sadle tres, vj d. Slate stone, xx d. — A read gowen, viij s. A brad clothe jackett, vj s. viij d. A selblack coite, ij s. A read russett coite, iij s. iiij d. A fres jackett, iiij s. A worslat dublett, a pair pincke hose, xs. A pair fres bretches, xij d. A capp, xij d. A hatt, xiiij d. A cloke, vs. A petticote, a pair hose leggs, a pair boits, ij s. A lether dublet, a pair hose, and a pair bretches, iiij s. — iiij. tentors, xl s. Tymber in Skellmser, xliij s. iiij. stees, ij s. Stangs, a barell, burds, and formes, ij s. In lyme and sande, xx d. ijc and a holf walling stones with leadinge, xvj s. — A carr, a pair hots, a roipe, xvj d. Lats, xiiij d. — ij. crooke hooks at John Browne dore, vj s. vj. selblacks and iiij. grayes, viij li. vii. grayes, xxviij s. A pair shears, shere bord, ij. thrumed bords, and all workin geare, xij s. Sum. cxxix li. vj d.

CCII. ROBERT WYTHES OF COPGRAVE GENTLEMAN.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 8 July, 1578. I Robert Wythes of Copgrave in the counety of Yorke, gentleman.* — Fyrste I commend my soule into the hands of Almightie God my maker and redemer, and my bodie to be buryed within the churche of

* A member of a most respectable family of gentry. He appears to have been a younger son.

Copgrave. Fyrste I give to my brother in law Mr. Staveley x s., ande to Anne Staveley my sister his bed fellowe x s. Also I give to everie one of my brethren xs. Item I give to Frances Stavelay one branded cowe, which I boughte at Ryppon. Item I give to everie one of the rest of Mr. Myles Stavelays children xs. Item I give to Robert Parkar of Newbie one bushell of wheate and one busshell of rye. Item I give to Johne Wryghtson one bushell of wheate and one bushell of rye. Item I give to Johne Whitwell, Henrye Colyer, George Note, Walter Hawmell, Margarete Fawcet, Johne Powter, Christopher Webster, Thomas Robyson, George Harryson, and Johne Cattysone, within the towne of Copgrave, to everie one of them one halfe bushell of wheate. Item I give to everie one of my god children within the towne of Copgrave xij d. Item I give to everie one of my servants over and besydes theyre wages iij s. iiij d. The rysydew of all my goodes moveable and unmoveable, my detts, legacies, and bequests discharged and payd, I give them to Jayne Wythes my wyfe, whome I ordeane and make my lawfull executrix of this my last will and testamente, and I desyre my brother Mr. Myles Stavelaye to be supervisor of this my last will and testment. Witnesses heareof, Mr. Myles Stavelaye, Peter . . . . . , John Wythes, Rychard Hutchingson clerk, Anthonye Gybson, with others. [Prob. 5 Nov. 1581.]

Inventory, 7 October, 1581. *(inter alia)* iij. skeppes with other odde trashmente, xiij s. iiij d. — He owes to Henry Wythes iij li. vj s. viij d. — To secrett dett, v li. vj s. viij d. To Mr. Maltebie alderman of Yorke, xx s. viij d. To Mr. Alderman Askwith, xvij s. To Peter Wilkinson of Yorke for a hatt, x s. To William Burton attorney, liij s. iiij d. Mergery Thorneton wyddow, iij li. xiij s. iiij d. To Mr. Thomas Thwinge, xxvij li. — His brother Edward Wythes owes him x li. — *Funerall expenses.* Inprimis to the poore, xl s. Fyshe and spyce at Yorke, xxxv s. x d. Item a morninge gowne, xliij s. iiij d. A morninge hatt, viij s. For fyshe and bread which was boughte, xij s. Other funerall expenses, iiij li. For wrytynge of the will and two inventaryes, vj s. For probacon and other charges.

CCIII. JAMES BACKHOUSE OF KIRBYE IN LONSDAILE.*

Inventory, 20 September, 1578. Inprymis redd fresadow at 6 s. 6 d. a yeard. Turkye culler at 4 s. a yeard, xxxiiij s. v. yeards of browne blew at ix s. a yeard, xlv s. iij. yeards and a quarter

* This is the first tradesman's Inventory of any size which has as yet occurred, and it is given entire. It is full of novel and curious words, and it will, I am sure, be read with considerable interest.

of skye culler carsaye, viij s. viij d. vj. yeards of blacke and grene motlaye ij s. vj d. a yeard, xv s. ij. yeards of skye culler carsaye, iij s. iiij d. xi. yeards of contre russett carsay xxviij d. a yeard, xvj s. vj d. viij. yeards of grene carsaye at xxij d. a yeard, xiiij s. viij d. viij. yeards d. of gilloflower carsay at xviij d. a yeard, xij s. ix d. ij. yeards iij. quarters of sad new culler at iiij s. ij d. a yeard, xj s. iiij d. A yeard and a d. of shepes culler brod, xiij s. vij. yeards iij. quarters of blew and blacke bayse, xv s. iiij d. ij. yeards of brode pucke at iiij s. a yeard, viij s. A yeard of red freseadow at ij s. vj. yeards of mockadow blacke redd at xviij d. a yeard, ix s. vj d. ix. yeards of borato at ij s. vj d. a yeard, xxij s. vj d. ix. yeards iij. quarters of b. and browne chamlett, xxviij s. vj d. v. yeards of red chamlett at iiij s. vj d. a yeard, xxv s. x d. v. yeards of purple chamlett at iiij s. vj d. a yeard, xxij s. vj d. xxij. yeards of syngle mockadow at xiiij d. a yeard, xxxij s. j d. ij. yeards and a d. of whit carsaye in remblands, iij s. iiij d. ij. yeards of bayse in remblands, ij s. ij. yeards of checker remblands, iij s. viij. yeards and a quarter of bustion at xiiij d. a yeard, ix s. xj d. vj. yeards and a d. of blacke wyrsytt, at viij s. viij d. v. yeards of whit holme fustion at xiij d. a yeard, v s. v d. ix. yeards of blacke rashe at ij s. iiij d. a yeard, xxj s. ij. yeards and a d. of fustion in aples at iij s. a yeard, vij s. vj d. More in whit fustion, ij s. d. j. pece of whit rashe, xxxij s. xvij. yeards of bout clothe, vij s. vj d. vj. yeards iij. quarters of single mockadow in remblands, x s. vij. quarters of blacke bustion at ij s. xvij. quarters of carrell at 14 a yearde, xviij s. viij d. xix. yeards of mockadow blew and browne. vij. yeards of red doble mockadow, xxxix s. ix. yeards and a d. of buckeram at x d. a yeard, vij s. xj d. vj. per of hose at vij d. j. per, iij s. vj d. vj. per of hose at xij d. j. per, vj s. vj. payr of hose of xiiij d. j. per, vij s. iiij. per of hose of xviij. a per, vj s. . . . . v. paier of men stockins at xx d. a per, viij s. iiij d. vj. quarters of brode redd at xj s. d. an elne of browne blew, v s. iij. fether bedd tycks, xxxiij s. iiij. payre of nether stocks at xvj d. a pare, v s. iiij d. xv. pound and a quarter of line at viij s. vj d. v. matchis, vj d. xij quare of pawper at iij s. ij. buts of blacke thred at vj s. viij d. xij. elnes and a quarter of lin clothe, xxiiij s. vj d. xxiiij. elnes of lin clothe at xv d. an elne, xxx s. xv. elnes iij. quarters of lin clothe at xx s. xj d. ix. elnes of fin clothe at xx d., xv s. viij. elnes of lin clothe in remblands, x s. More lin clothe. j. bolt d. blacke thred, vj s. vj d. In remblands of mockadow and buston, iij s. A taffetye hatt at vj s. viij d. vij. table napkins, ij s. iiij d. ij. grene hatts, vj s. ij. felts, ij s. viij d. — (*Very many more felts.*) iiij. short thromed hats, iiij s. iiij. chamlett hatts, xij s. v. necklacis, ij s. vj d. A mockadaw hatt, iij s. iiij.

taffetye hatts for children, v s. ij. sylk hatts course, viij s. A cape, ij s. — (*More silk hatts and felts.*) viij. whit capes, ix s. iiij d. — (*More.*) — vj. pound of ryse, ij s. A pound of vert grese, iij s. ij. casis of trenshers, viij d. vij. owncis of senimond, ij s. vj d. viij. owncis of mace, vj s. viij d. Allmones, xviij d. Gume, xiiij d. Turnsall, xiiij d. vj. pond of waxe, vj d. In matche, viij d. Tin spones, xij d. iij. peners, ij d. In rise more, viij d. iiij. ownce of whit candye, viij d. iij. ownce of spoile gold, ix d. vj. taffetye pursis, v s. . . . v. lether purses, v s. x d. x. pursis, iij s. xxi. yeards of leven taffetye, xlij s. xvij. elnes and a d. of sersnett, iiij li. viij s. v. elnes iiij. quarters of camerycke, xxxij s. iij. quarters of lawne, iij s. iiij. sylke buttons, xx d. iiij. pin cods and ij. nedle casis, ij s. Spoile gold, xxj d. A pawper of pictors, iiij d. Grene buckeram, ij s. Yeard d. tinsell, ij s. x. yeards of sypers, xvj s. viij d. d. pound of wormesyde, xviij d. Sanders, iij d. Spanaret, xij d. Turmereck, arsnyck, and other ger, iiij s. Suger 1 lb. xx d. A boxe of nervell, iij s. A pocke of drye peper, xiij s. More for dry peper, xiiij s. vj d. A pond of stackhornes, iiij d. In ginger, goles, acker, sope, and glew, viij s. iiij d. Anaseds, ix lb. v s. Curranse, viij li. Brimstone, v. pound, xv d. vij. pond of great raysins, ij s. iiij d. vj. pound of prones, xv d. In hare, ij d. In peper, in a basson, ij s. ij. peces of blacke and red mockadow, xliiij s. A pece of jeanes fustion, xix s. vj d. vj. per of nether stocks, xj s. viij. payr more, x s. viij d. vj. payre of women's hose, ix s. (*More.*) A pece of mockadow, xxv s. A pece of redd chamlett and one of b. iij li. x s. A reame of pawper, v s. iij. pond of pollye ginger, viij s. Halfe a pece of fustion, xvij s. iij. brushis, ij s. vj d. iij. pound of candye, iij s. vj d. A per of shone, xiiij d. A per of sleves, vj s. A per of hose, xviij d. iij. sword girdles, iij s. vj d. j. dosson girdles, ij s. iiij d. vj. belts of lether, ij s. xj. elnes and a d. of canves, xxvj s. x d. vij. elnes iij. quarters of canvis, xxvj s. j d. iij. buts of blacke thred, xiij s. vj d. j. dossen hatt bands, viij s. vj d. . . . In Pynes, ij s. ix. boocks of Mantuas, ij s. ix d. iij. pair of writin tables, xij d. A Salme boocke, xvj d. xj. Promers and j. per of writin tables, ij s. iiij d. vj. hole gramers, v s. vj d. A Virgell, xij d. iij. Turrancis, ij s. iij d. Dyalogues, xxij d. Tullye Offices, xviij d. vij. Accedenc, xviij d. v. Catoes and a Engleshe boocke, xviij d. v. lyttle boocks, xiiij d. xv. Englishe A B Sis, vij. d. A fayre large glase, ij s. iij. more glasis, iiij s. A grose of light wood cobes, vj s. iiij lb. iij. quartrons of red playt, iiij s. ij d. A bressell brushe, xij d. iij. dagger shethes, a knyfe, and boddking, iiij d. Mace and cloves, vj d. x. owncis of turmeracke, x d. Gallinga, ij d. Comminseds, iiij d. ij. par of ballons, iiij d. iij. braseles, iiij d. In nedles, ij s. iij. ball of dyce, ix d. v. grose

of sylke buttons, viij s. iij d. vj. verye combes, ij s. v. grose of thred buttons, xv d. j. dosson and a d. o thimbles, viij d. Fyne shirt strings and minkins, vj s. iiij. grose of sylke buttons, v s. viij d. Fixet pewder, vj d. j. grose of statut lace, v s. viij d. iiij. gernesh tersele, xij d. j. paper of statut lace, vj s. Hocks and ese, coper nayles, iij. lots, iij s. ij. payr of spores, vj d. ix. dysson of creles and sylke points, iiij s. vj d. v. owncis of nugmugs, iij s. viij d. ix. dosson of sylke and crueles, ij s. xj d. iij. dosson of black single pounct, ix d. iiij. payre of garters, ij s. vj. payre of garters, xviij d. ij. girdles and vj. thimles, vj d. A lyttle rembland of lyn clothe and gerters, xiiij d. Packe thredd, iiij d. xiiij. bowstrings, vj d. x. pair of pen and inck hornes, xviij d. Hatt bands, ij s. vij. connye skines, ij s. . . . Twine xx d. per lb. Course twyne ¼ ½ lb. v d. Brocken twine, ij s. iiij d. Gloves per pare from 4 d. to 12 d. Bout hose bindinge 3 d. per yd. Crose lace 10 d. per doz. iiij. dos. of iiij. pyrlyd lace, iiij s. Lace 5 d. to 9 d. per dos. j. lb. and vij. owncis of pecing thred, iij s. vj d. vij. dossen and a d. of bylliament, viij s. ij. dosson of cards, v s. ij¾ of fringe, vij s. vj d. ix. peces of sheetes, iij s. x ds. purses, v d. each. vij. quarterons of cullert thred, iiij s. vij. pece of penny bred sayeth, ij s. viij d. Thred lacis, xvj d. per gros. Velvett night capes, iij s. each. Satton capes and wirsytt, 2 s. each. Perchement v d. per pece. Points 1 d. per doz. A sylke belt and crueles lace, xij d. Thred points, 2½ d. per dos. Sylke points, v d. per doz. Scotish lace points, xvj d. Lace 4 d. per doz. Course enckle, 14 d. per lb. iiij½ lb. of fyne enckle, xiij s. vj d. Redde waxe, iiij d. Skell cappes, ij s. vj d. Pines 5¼ per thowsand. xv. yeards of single toft mockadow, xxxv s. v d. Canvis 23 d. per ell. Yallow canvis, white canvis — course canvis, xij d. per ell. A pece of jeanes fustien, xix s. vij½ yds. syngle wyrsytt, xj s. ij d. v. yds. dim. brode russeles, xij s. x d. Jeanes fustion, xliij. yds. xxvij s. xij½ yds. of white holmes, xij s. vj d. Doble bustion, ij s. iiij d. per yd. London sackclothe, x d. per yd. Sackclothe, viij d. per yd. Stript sackclothe, xv d. per yd. Rawid London sackclothe — xiiij. yds. of Lancaster sackclothe, viij s. vj½ yds. of damaske, lviij s. vj d. xxij. yds. ½ of boratons, iij li. xv s. Sylke borato, vij s. vj d. per yd. Spaynishe taffetye, vj s. per yd. ij. yds. ¼ of satton in bridgis, iij s. ix d. Hollan clothe, v s. per elne. ix. elnes of lin clothe, xvj s. vj d. iiij. elnes, vij s. iiij d. iiij. yeards of callaga, vj s. iiij d. xij. yeards of callaca, xij s. ij. sword gyrdles buff lether, iij s. ix. yallow single belts, ij s. iiij. dosson of single lether belts, v s. iiij d. Cards, ij s. per dos. Whit thred, x d. per lb. li. v s. Bowtclothe, vj d. per yd. Mantuan and Confabulationes, iij s. viij d. A Salme booke, xvj d. ij. litle Psalme boockes, xvj d. iiij. Esope fabulls, xvj d. vj. taf-

fetye pursis, vj s. vj d. vij. dos. of open lace, vj s. vj d. v. quarterons of Skotishe bobin sylke, v s. iiij d. v. qu. of glover fringe, viij s. vij d. Coventre thredd, vj s. per lb. Sylke shetts byndin, ij s. vj d. Bobing lace, vj d. per oz. iij. quarterons of sylke cheane lace, xij s. ij. calls, v d. iij. quarterons of statchin lace, xx s. Lacin sylke, vj d. per oz. Spaynishe sylke, xviij d. per oz. Coullert sylke, xx d. per oz. Bridgis sylke, xvj d. per oz. ij. grose ix. dos. of crowne lace, xix s. Lace edgin, xij d. per dos. iij. quarterons j. ownce of jeanes sylke, vj s. Franshe garters, xx d. per pare. Hollan lace, xiiij d. An ownc ½ of stytchin sylke, xvj d. Gold and sylver edgin, iiij s. per dos. xiiij. owncis of sylke fringe, xvij s. vj d. Bastert fringe, viij s. per lb. viij. dos. of sylke and sylver twist, xxj s. x. owncis of sylke bylliment, xij s. Spanysh rebin, xxviij s. per lb. Coper lace gold and sylver, x d. per dos. English rebin, j s. per ownce. Sylke perchement, x d. per dos. Coper lace gold, xviij d. A great syke open lace, xvj s. xj. yeards of pirlye bone lace, iiij s. vj d. viij. yds. at ij d. ix. doz. and iiij. read course rebin, xviij s. viij d. Cape rebin, ij s. vj d. per pece. iiij. owncis iiij. yeards of pointin, vj s. ij. dos. viij. yds. of narray chevin, xij s. vj. calls, v s. Shert strings, xx d. vj. hatt bands, iij s. Quick sylver and brase buttons, vj d. xxj. hatt bands, ij s. vij. owncis of bobbing, ij s. ij lb. of twin, iij s. j lb. of thredd, xvj d. ½ lb. of twin, ij s. vj d. vj. Accedences, iij s. A dos. pen and inck horns, xvj d. iij. pound of enckle, iij s. vj d. xj. Primers, ij s. ij d. Packe thred, vj d. per lb. ij. boocks, xviij d. Points, xviij d. per gros. Lace, xviij d. per grose. iiij. payre of Franche garters, vij s. iiij d. Thred points, ij s. viij d. per grose. Blacke thredd, iij s. iiij d. per lb. Garters, iij s. iiij d. to v s. iiij d. per doz. Statut lace, vij s. x d. per gros. Grene thred, xxviij d. per lb. iiij. owncs of sisters thred, v s. Gyrdles iij d. each. A dos. of gloves, vj s. viij d. ij. m of anlots, xvj d. Absis (A, B, C's) and Catechismies, viij d. ij. cloths of nedles, ij s. ij. dos. of Norrige lace, viij d. Halfe a hundreth of thimbles, xvj d. ij. velvett gyrdles, xx d. A pawper of buckles, vj d. vj. dos. of brase buttons, viij d. ij. dos. of claspes, vij d. xj. dos. of points, iij s. iiij d. Lacin sylke, j s. per oz. Sewin sylke, xiiij s. per lb. v. owncis of bridgis sylke, vj s. viij d. Spaynishe sylke, xx d. per oz. vij. own. of chean lace, viij s. vj d. iij. grose of sylke buttons, iiij s vj d. xvj. thowsand of pynes, xij s. vj d. A thowsand, xviij d. &c. &c. ij. lbs. of sadler fringe, ij s. viij d. iiij. pawper of rowd headed pinns, xiij d. Elson blads, xiiij ds. Hatt bands, xx d. A pownd of crose bow thredd, ix d. In batt nedles, ij ds. viij. dosson of gerterin, vj s. Franche parchement garterin, vj s. iij. enckle rolls, ij s. vj d. ij. lb. of lycorous, vj d. v. quare of cappin pawper, xvj d. iiij. dos. of hatt bands,

ij s. vj d. v. lb. of line, iij s. iij. quarterons of counters, x d. A per of ballons and weights, ij s. liij d. In wycksylver, vj d. A per of hampers and a shet, iij s.

A quarteron of currance, viij s. In prones and raysings, xv d. A dosson of caise pepper, xxxij s. A dosson dryé peper, xxviij s. A pound of cloves, xiij s. iiij d. Large mace ½ lb., vij s. vj d. Mydle mace ½ lb., vj s. viij d. Ginger iij. lb., vij s. vj d. Semond large 1 lb., vj s. iij. loves of suger weing xviij. lb., xxxj s. ij d. Suger candye iij. lb., iij s. ix d. Candye whit 1 lb., iij s. Annayseds xiiij. lb., viij s. viij d. Prones half a hundrethe, xij s. viij d. Currance halfe a hundreth, xvj s. Allom halfe a hundrethe, xiij s. Lycoris xij. lb., iij s. Burnston vj. lb. xx d. Hoopes a quarteron, vj s. viij d. Vert grese j. lb., iij s. Coperus vj. lb., xv d. Goles vj. lb., vj s. Gumme arebeke j. lb., xij d. Whicksylver j. lb., ij s. viij d. Corne powder vij. lb., vij s. x d. A reame of browne pawper, ij s. Colanders ij. lb., iij s. iiij d. Comfets ij. lb., iij s. iiij d. Halfe j. dossen of case pepper, xv s. vj. lb. of peper, xiij s. vj d. Suger x. lb. xij. ownce, xv s. viij d. Annaseds xij. lb., viij s. Prones a quarteron, iij s. ix d. Castell sope a quarteron, xvj s. Allome a quarteron, vj s. yiij d. Rotche allom a quarteron, ix s. Lycorus vj. lb., xviij d. Colander j. lb., xx d. Comeffyt, xx d. Senemond comfets ½ lb., xiiij d. Senemond ½ lb., ij s. x d. Prones xiiij. lb., ij s. Great raysins ½ a quarteron, iij s. iiij d. Sylke hatts, 5 s. 4 d. to 11 s. each — White capes 1 s. 6 d. each. Felt hatts, 3 s. 4 d. A taffetye hatt, v s. Thread lace — Garters — A gros of kettlins, iij s. iij. dos. of mynykens, iij s. vj d. A grose of hollay points, ij s. vj d. vj. penes and inck hornes, xv d. Halfe a hundrethe of thimbles, xvj d. ij. lb. of counters, ij s. vj d. ij. pare of Oxford gloves, ij s. iiij d. ij. dosson of Norrige lacine, viij d. ij. ½ thowsand of Jesus nedles, v s. x d. A thowsand ½ of countre nedles, ij s. vj d. v. oz. of cheane lace, vj s. iij d. A dosson of you pines, x s. ij. dos. of thimbles, xij d. vj. lb. of satton, v s. ij d. ij. m. of anlots, xx d. ½ grose of glase buttons, vij d. j. dos. show buckles, iiij d. ij. dos. claspes for clocks, vj d. iiij. Gramers, iij s. viij d. vj. Accedencse, xv d. j. dos. Puriles, xvj d. vj. Premers, xv d. ij. Gramers, xxij d. iij. Terrencis, ij s. iij d. vj. cose deases (Corderys?), xij d. ij. canvis bags, iij s. Knyt bags, v s. iij. Turkye purses, v s. vj d. iij. dos. of flax, xxj s. viij d. iij. lb. of line, xx d. 1½ grose of combes, ix s. vj. longe wast girdles, xx d. iij. sword girdles, ij s. vj d. iij. wast girdles of cloth, xvij d. j. lb. of London sylk, xiiij s. A grose of sylke points, iiij s. iiij d. vj. owncis of Spanyshe sylver, ix s. (*Jacketts, dobletts, hose, britches, worne by the deceased.*)

ij. swerds, vj s. viij d. ij. bowes and arrowis, viij s. A per of

showes, xij d. A steel cape gayged by Tinkler, ij s. A budged, j. male pinyen, and a brestgard, ij s. ij. horses, liij s. iiij d. An ackre and a ½ of haver, xl s. In monye and gold, xxxiiij li. xiij s. iiij d. ij. sylver rings and xvj d. in old sylver, iij s. iiij d. &c. &c. cclxxviij l. vj s. viij d.

Another imperfect INVENTORY, dated on the 16th Sept. 1578:—

Cloth of eyser blew, stamell reade, a Byble and other Eynglyshe boks, xxxviij s. vj d. Cards and paper. One realme paper, iiij s. viij d. ij. dos. cards best, iiij s. vj d. ij. dos. cards, iij s. ij d. ij. dos. cards blew bore, iiij s. viij d. vij. white cawls for women, ij s. iiij d. — j. dos. of stackhornes, iij s. vj. lb. of gonne powder, v s. iiij. lb. of glewe, xij d. A quarteron of brassell, iij s. iiij d.

CCIV. MR. HENRI FISSHER* OF KENDALL.

INVENTORY, 5 November, 1578 (*inter alia*). Inprimis his viellet gowen, iiij li. His next best gowen to it, iij li. vj s. viij d. A shepe culered gowen, xxx s. His best cloke, xxxiij s. iiij d. A sheipe culler cloke, x s. A read taffati dublett, xiij s. iiij d. A black taffytye dublett, xx s. A mockadow jackett with lace, xx s. A jackett with lase, xxiij s. iiij d. Another black jackett, xvj s. A sleveles jackett, vj s. viij d. A pair breks, xij s. Another pair breks, iij s. A stele coite, xxx s. A shert of male, xvj s. A sword and a skeane, v s. A fres gowen, xiij s. iiij d. ij. facyns of budge for gowens, xxvj s. A spruse jerkin, xiij s. iiij d. iiij. pair leggs of hose, x s. iiij. capes, viij s. ij. velvet night capes, vj s. ij. waist girdles, xvj d. A dagger and a pair cloues, iij s. iiij d. A Rumland tavitye with another pece of taviti, x s. A steile capp coveringe, xx d. Collers, ruffes, and handkirtchefs, xv s. ix. sheits, xx s. vj. bord clothes, xiiij s. A tabill coveringe of dornecks, iiij s. A pece Scotoishe clothe in gaige, xij d. ij. clothees of arrowes, xxx s. A pair breks and a coveringe, iij s. A fres jackett, a jerkin, and ij. pair sloppes, xij s. An old fres gowen, iiij s. iiij. dubletts, xiij s. iiij d. A pincke jackett, vj s. A sheip cular jacket, iij s. A lether dublett, iij s. A pair sheipe culeryd breks, xx d. ij. felts, iij s. iiij d. Clothe in gaige of Robert Cayrus, iiij s. A sword and belte hingings, x s. A hackney sadle, bridle, girthes, x s. A budgett, xx d. v. stele capes, ij. holberts, iij. stafes, and ij. bucklers, xiiij s. A bagg and a gold ringe, xiij s iiij d. ij. bowes and theyr baggs, a whyver, one arrow case, and arows, viij s. — iiij. chesis and a flake, iiij s. A bason for a barbar, and woodd dishes, xviij d. ij. poks,

* A Kendal gentleman, whose Inventory contains several very valuable and curious words. It is, however, unfortunately imperfect.

a capp case, a malynge cover, a spade, xvj d. — A pentid clothe, ij s. iiij. jacks, viij s. A chese flake, iiij d. Salte fishe, v s. Window leaves, vj s. A hand bell, a shoule, viij d. A staf, iiij d. A Bible, a Sawter, ij. other books, xiij s. iiij d. A tabill in the hall, xiij s. iiij d. Moo Englishe books, ij s. A dager and knyves, iij s. iiij d. A lether botell and a kavite (*aqua vitæ*), xvj d. A lantyorne, xvj d. A lampe, viij d. *In the butary.* A corner sawcer, vj d. v. woodd things to sett wyne on and a piggon, vj d. ij. pair spores, viij d. *The lytill butari. The kitchinge* — Talow, kitching fee, x s. Wooll xij. stone, iij. li. xiij s. iiij d. iiij. stone and a d. ȝarne, xxxiij s. iiij d. A pair wyes and wyghts, ij s. vj d. A nett, xij d. Ole and a pan, x s. Broken wooll and floks, vj s. viij d. A chese pris and lowes geare, ij s. — Peats, x s. A garner, xiij s. Barells, forks, shoules, hotts, ij s. Tymber cloggs in the fold with ij. stees, vij s. *In Sands chamber.* Woodd and bords in the lofte over the house next the garth, with stangs, hots, and cares, and spelks, and latts, xx s. Meale, molte, great wheat flower, iij. seives, a qinock, a stand, xx s. — v. whits, l s. Studills, wheles, cards, and all wooll toiles, vj s. viij d. Bords trise, vij s. A table with a frame in the narow lofte, a swoo with other smole tryfles, vj s. viij d. A standing pott doble gilte, iij li. A silver pece and xxx. spones wyinge xl. ounces and a d., ix li. vj s. 8 d. A salte wyinge xj. ounce and a whartern, l s. A. salte, doble gilte, wyinge vij. ounces and a quartern, xlvj s. viij d. ij. massers, xl s. In olde mony and a signet of silver, xxiij s. In golde, iiij li. x s. In a bagge sealyd, xl li. *Detts owinge hym as followith.* — Mr. Jopson upon one bill dew at tymes, j^{c} li. A lease for twoo bouthes in London. A bill of John Lease hand for xiiij. stone wooll selblack. Owinge for takyn downe of sclate at Castall, iiij s. —

CCV. ALAN BELLINGHAM OF LEVENS AND HELSINGTON, ESQUIRE.*

. . . . . To Dorothye my wife, during her wedowhead, which I thinck veryly will be duringe her liff bye hir . . . . . promesses,

* Alan Bellingham of Helsington and Levens, esq., was son of Thomas Bellingham of Helsington, esq., and grandson of the celebrated deputy-warden of the Marches Alan Bellingham He was a bencher of the Inner Temple, and one of the queen's council at York for the northern parts. In the 13th Eliz. he was knight of the shire for Westmerland. The present extracts are taken from a copy of his will, which, like a true lawyer, he appears to have composed himself. It is unfortunately in the most mutilated condition, the upper part of it being entirely destroyed. His Inventory is most interesting, as it shows that the testator had acquired a taste for coins. His flocks and herds are immense, but his household furniture is comparatively plain and insignificant, and is therefore omitted. He married to his first wife Catherine daughter of Anthony Duckett of Grayrigg, esq. She died childless, and the testator re-married

my mancion house at Faucett Forest, wherin I now dwell, and my lands there, and in Bainsdell and Bainsdall head, to bring upp our childarn in the feare and love of God — and then to remain to . . . . . my sonne and heire and his heires, and in defalte of suche issue to remayne as my said manars of Helssington is assigned — my lands called the Comon which I had of my lady Wharton, to goo as my lands on the north side of Borrowedell to my said sonne Thomas. And I will that aftar my wifes wedowhead, the courte of the said forest shall be kept yeareli at my said manor howse thare in the names of bothe my said sonnes Thomas and Henri. — To every one of my doughtars cccc li., for hir porcion of my goods, to be payd when they be xxj. or marry. — I will that reward, costs, and expences shall be maide with spede for the obteyninge of the wardshipp of myne heire (if he forton to be with aige at my deathe) at the discrecon of my executors — and I will they shall gyve to his mastershipp cc. anngells and paye the quenes ma^tie^ for the wardshipp as is used to be rated in that courte of wards. — I make my welbeloved wiff Dorothie Bellengham, my sonn Thomas Bellengham, James Bellengham, Henri Bellengham, Allen Bellingham, and what sonne as God shall send me moo my executors. — My supervisors to meite every yeare at my howse at Helssington or Faucett Forest, upon Wedinsdai in Easter weike, to receyve the trew accompte as well of them selffs as of other — and to have some clarke or auditor to make faire boukes of acompte yearli, and duplicats of the same bouks, one parte to remayne with the clarke or auditor, and the other parte to be putt in a chest their with suche money as they do not presentlye bestowe accordinge to my will — under twoo locks and kyes, wherof my cossinge George Salkeld to kepe the one kye, and my brother Richard Sandfurthe the other kye. — Supervisors the right worshippfull and myne especiall freind Sir Thomas Gargrave knight, vice president of the quenes ma^tie^ honorable counsell in the northe partes, my cossinge George Salkelte, my nephew Thomas Bellengham, my brother in lawe Richard Sandfurth, and Sir Utar Gilpin, prest, whome I moost tendarli beseche for the love of God to be good to my wiff and childarn, and to helpe them to the best that they can, and cheflye

Dorothy daughter of Thomas Sandford of Askham, esq., by whom he had seven sons and eight daughters. Five sons and seven daughters survived him. He died on the 7th of May, 1577, aged 61, and was buried in the stately chapel of his family in the church of Kendal. His will was accidentally omitted in its proper place.

Upper Levens Hall, an old grey mansion on the banks of the Kent, was probably built or enlarged by the testator. When Machel saw it in 1692 the windows of the hall were filled with the quarterings of him and his connections. Further particulars of the family of Bellingham will be found in Burn and Nicolson's Westmoreland and Cumberland, i. 204. This will, however, make some additions to the family pedigree.

to obteyne the wardshipp of myne heire. And I will that Mr. Gargrave shall have my best geldinge and sex angells, and that everi of my other supervisors shall have sex angells, and I trust that Mr. Gargrave will upon request write or send for the obteyning of the prefarment of wardshipp of myne heire to my wif, and to my executors, for the use and profett of my said heire onely. To my brother in law Henri Sandfurth, and to my sister Agnes his wif, and to my godsonne Allan Sandfurth, and to nyce Mari Warriner, and An Sandfurthe, and Elizabeth Strykland, each xx s. To my brother Richard Duckett, and my sistar his wife, x s. To Francis Duckett, xx s. To Alln Duckett an angell, and to my brother Thomas Sandfurth, my brother Medleton, my brother Portar, to every of them an angell. — To my nice Briggs and hir husband, each an angell. To every servynge man one whole yere waiges, and to every of them that use to have levaras a blacke coite clothe, and to Sir John Beck and Sir Jo^{n} Dyckson, to either of them, xl s. And to my hynds and other servants, their holff yeare wages, and to my nursses one hole yere wage. — Mye evidences to be safflie kepte under twoo locks and kyes in my studye at Helssington, and at the full aige of my sonnes to be devided accordinge to their rights. In witnes that this is my laste will and testament I have to every leave and side thar of subscribed my name with my owen hand, and writen all the same with my owen hands, w^{ch} conteynes or ar conteyned in fyve leafes of this bouke.

An Inventori of all the goods, cattells, and detts which was the Right Worshippfull Allan Bellengham esquier, deceassed, vewed and prised upon the bouke othes of Edward Collinson, Petar Cowper, John Warriner, and Richard Bownes, the xix. of June, anno 1579.

At Tentor howe, viz. Inprimes, sheipe thare, ix^{xx} and ix., lames thare, xxiiij. *At Hound howe.* Item sheipe thare, iij^{c} v^{xx} and xvij., lambes thare, iij^{xx} and x. *At the Hyer house.* Sheipe thare, iij^{c} and iiij., lames thare, vij. Sheipe thare, vij^{c} and xxv., lames thare, vij^{xx} and xiiij. *At the Lower house.* Sheipe thare, ix^{c}, lames thare, v^{c} and xxx. *At Hutton.* Sheipe thare, ij^{c} xliiij., lames thare, liiij. *At Helssington.* Sheipe thare, j^{c} xxxviij., lames thare, xxxvij. *At Sadgill*, viz. Sheipe thare, v^{c} and xiiij., lames thare, xxvj. Some of all the sheipe in monye, v^{c}li. vjli. vijs. vjd. The whole nomber of the sheipe, 3391. Some in mony for the lames, lxvij li. iiij s. The lames in nomber, 833.

Kye with calve and at haith calved lxxxv.; some j^{c} xxvij li. xs. vj. bulls, vjli. xiii s. iiij d. lxxj. geld cattell, lxvij li. xj. soukin

calves, liij s. iiij d. Fyfti oxen, lxxxiij li. vj s. 8 d. Mears, staggs, and folles, xxxj., wherof ar fooles viij. xxxiij li. vj s. 8 d. iiij. stoned horses, xij li. xiiij. worke horses, xx li. Rydinge horses and mears, xiiij li. In wooll, iiij^{c} and xxxvj. stone, amountinge —vij^{xx} li. xxxviij s.

*The perler next hall.** *The hall. The buttari. The law buttary. The brew house. In the side of the courte under prest chamber. The prest chamber. The cook chamber. In Mertyn chamber. The next chamber to Mertyn chamber. Beddinge at London. At John Garnetts. The meale lofte. The mylke house. The maydens house. The barne. The chamber where the servants lyes. In Anthony Yeats chamber. The larder house. The woman's house. The gallary chamber. Where the yonge gentill-wemen lyes. The great chamber.* iij. whilts, xlviij s. v. testornes of velvett sylke sattan with other silk gere, xl s. xij pillo codes, xxviij s. vj. pillo coddes longe once covered with changable sylke, xj s. viij d. xxvj. whishans, xl s. A pece grene clothe, xl s. ij. fether bedds, a mataras, a bolstar, a pair blancketts, a coverlett, a clothe, arrowes, testornes of grene, and a pair bedd stocks, iij li. x s. iij. table clothes of arrowes and dornecks, xxv s. ij. table clothes of changable cullers, xiij s. iiij d. One testorne, iiij^{or} coverings for sware tables, xij s. Drawings for a bedd, read and grene saye, and a mantill, x s. iiij^{or} tables, vj. chayers, and xv. buffett stoles, iij li. ij s. A bybill, a comunyon booke, xx s. *The chamber over the parler.* A mattaras, ij. fether bedds, a pair fres blancketts, a coverlett, a clothe, arrowes, a bolstar, a testorne of black and read, a coffey hynging of read and grene say with a pair beddstocks, iiij li. *The chamber over the kytchinge. The good mans chamber. The wenchis chamber. The chamber over the maydens chamber. In the maydens chamber. The kytchinge. The lardar house. The studye. The good mans chamber.* His rayments, xvj li. *At Hellssington and ells wher. The mylke house. The mylne. In playte,* viz. A chyne of gold wyinnge x. ounces, xxvj li. xiij s. iiij d. ij. golde bruches, xliij s. iiij d. v. golde rings, v li. vj s. viij d. iij. silver spones doble gilte wyinge vj. ounces, xxxiij s. A salte with a cover wyinge xxiiij. ounces, vj li. A cupe with a cover doble gilte wyinge xxiiij. ounces, vj li. A cupp with a cover doble gilte wyinge xiij. ounce, iij li. v s. A salte doble gilte wyinge xv. ounces, iij li. xv s. A cupp with a cover doble gilte wyinge xvj. ounces, and beinge a pledge, iiij li. A salte with a cover parcell gilte, iij li. vij s. vj d. iij. gobletts parcell gild with a cover wyinge iij^{xx} xiij. ounces, xvj li. viij s. vj d. A silver cupp with a cover parcell gild wyinge

* It is difficult to say whether this is the Inventory of the furniture, &c., at Upper Levens Hall or at Helsington. The family resided at both these places.

xj. ounces, l s. A silver cupp without gilding wyinge viij. ounces and a d., xxxvj s. ij. silver cupes without covers parcell gilded wyinge xvj. ounces, iij li. xij s. iij. silver cupes and ij. salts of silver withoute gildinge wyinge xj. ounces, xlviij s. xxviij. silver sponcs wyinge xxij. ounces, vj li. x s. ij. silver spones at Helsington, viij s. A silver pece, xl s. ij. stone potts bounden with silver doble gilte, xl s. Small peces of silver wyinge xvj. ounces, iij li. iiij s. A gold belte, xlvj s. 8 d. Playte, some, 105 li. 8 s. 4 d. In golde, ix li. In mony, xlvij li. vj s. lxvij. Spaynishe peces, xxxiij s. ij. portegewces, vj li. In golde, l li. iij. peces of gold, iiij li. x s. v. peces of gold, v li. v. rialls and nobles, l s. vj. ducketts, iiij li. iiij s. xxj. aungells, x li. x s. xxx. Frenche crownes, viij li. x s. vj. Englishe crownes, xxx s. v. half crownes, xij s. vj d. lxxiiij. strange peces of coyne of golde and silver together (*blk.*). xliiij. Spaynishe peces of mony at iiij s. viij d. a pece, some x li. v s. iiij d. xiii. sundry coynes of silver (*blk.*). liiij. peces of silver, xl s. lv. peces of silver lytyll ounce, (*blk.*). Other severall peces and coynes as is valewed to j c. xxxviij li. v s. x d. Some of these gold and mony above writen. By those unsomed iij c. ij li. vj s. viij d.

Detts owinge hym presented in writing by Sir Utar Gilpin as maye appeare in the same, vj c. li. ix s. viij d. Some total of all the hole Inventori, 2479 li. 14 s. 6 d. More money come in senc Inventori was somed at home, ij c. li. xx li. More at London as appeareth by one obligacon, iij c. li.

CCVI. WILLIAM BRAYTHEWAITE* OF KYRLAND IN KENDALL.

Inventory, 10 July 1579. *At Kyrkland.* A pewder kanne and a stylletory, iiij s. Item ij. stylle cottes, v s. Old taethe, viij d. Fyve browne manteles, lv. s. x d. ij. graye manteles, xx s. . . . mantell, x s. x. spownes waigheing xj oz., xlvij s. viij d. One sylver salte waigheing x oz., xliij s. iiij d. A sylver cupp

* A Kendal vintner. This is one of the few instances in which we have any mention of wine. We find it very rarely alluded to in the inventories of the greatest and richest families, and even the professional dealers appear to have kept a very small stock of it on hand. In 1628 Wm. Darneton of Knaresbrough, vintner, has in his seller "one but of sack valued at 20*l.*; 3 hogsheads of 'wyne ordinary,' 20*l.*; one hogshead of vinegar, 1*l.* 8*s.*; one but and 2 hogsheads of bear, 7*l.*; one great pot, 1*l.*; 3 empty hogsheads, certain bottles, cans, and empty runletts, one great tub, 2 lesser tubs with gantrees, and other 'huslements,' 1*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; 24 wyne potts, 2*l.* 3*s.*; one flagon and two pewter cans, 12*s.* He has also four silver bear bowls, valued at 12*l.*; three long wine bowls at 6*l.*, and five low wine bowls valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*"

In 1630 Reginald Atkinson of Dalton, in the parish of Ravenswath, has one tun of white and claret wine, and some more, valued at 10*l.* Rosa solis and a little aqua vitæ at 22*s.* Eight glasses and glass bottles, 3*s.*; a still, 6*s.* 8*d.*; four black pots and a stone jug, 8*s.*

with a cover waigheinge x oz., xxxix s. iij. masers, xxij s. ij. old fustien blankets, iiij s. . . . fustien coddes, v s. An old clothe of arrowes, v s. . . . old clothes, iij s. vj. cotton blankets, viij s. ij. fledg blankets, v s. ij. caddow blankets, ij s. iiij d. A remnen of pewke carseye, ix s. A ledder spruse jerkine and sleves for and to the same, iiij s. A pair of old cote sleves, iiij d. A pair of cammas mowldes with a pair of yellow coveringes, v s. . . . ew clothe jerkine, v s. ij. frese jackets, vj s. iiij d. ij. pair colored hose and a pair old stockins, viij s. A pair of black hose, vj s. A blacke carsey dublet, iiij s. Another black carseye dublet, ij s. A ledder dublet, v s. A pair black frese sloppes, ij s. vj d. A brode clothe jacket, x s. A cloke, iiij s. A gowne of brode clothe, xv s. ij. daggers and knifes, ix s. ij. old bucklers, ij s. viij d. . . . . a pair yren spurres, xij d. A breste plaite, a back plait, a stele capp, and a sallet, xiij s. iiij d. A sword, iij s. A pair bote hose and ij. pair of shoes, xvj d. A casement, vj d. ij. budgets, viij d. A bow and an arrowe case, xx d. *In the Kyrkefylde howsse at the taverne.* xij. pices of callecowe clothe, viij li. xvj s. For all other things in the said taverne contened John Braythewait . . . to answer punctuallrey as amountethe viz. to the some of xxx li. xij s. ij d. *At Mylthroppe in Thomas Hutton howse.* A butte of sacke, xl s. *At Thomas Pearson howse.* Half a butte of old sacke loste coller, xxiij s. iiij d. One emtie butte, xx d. One hogesheade of clarett wyne wanttinge of full iiij. enches, xx s. One hogeshead of whytte wyne wanteinge of full vj. enches, xx s. More other of clarite wanteinge of full vj. enches, xiij s. iiij d. A butte of sacke wanteinge of full xx. gallons and a quarte which was drawen owtte by John Brayethewait, liij s. iij d. Somma, vj li. xij s. — The towne of Lancaster owes him, iiij li. xiij s. vj d. Somma totalis, c.lxxxj li. v s. viij d.

CCVII. RAYNE MICHAELIS TESTAMENT.

In the name of God, Amen. The eyghte day of Auguste, anno 1579. Michaell Rayne* of Mickleton baylif, being in good and perfitt memorie, did send for the curat of Romald churche, who then at that instant came, and findinge him in good case, after some conference had with him, did ask of him whether he were disposed to make his will, who said, yea, and said yff it

* The family of Raine has always formed a strong clan in Teesdale, and especially in the parish of Romaldkirk. At one time it had the almost entire possession of the straggling village of Mickleton. The present will does not seem to have been proved, and the registrar of the court, Thos. Tailor, says, in a note appended to it, "Hoc nihili est, eo quod alias formatur prout patet in schedula papiri presentibus inclusi."

pleased God to call him to his mercye his bodye should be buried under y^e^ marble in the churche yarde where his father lay, and so the curate perceyvinge y^t^ it payned him sore to speake did demannde of him how he would dispose his goods, and who should have them, and who should be his executor . . . answered, Ellen his wife, as good reason was, and none but she, then and there beinge presente George Oxnarde, Robarte Gibson, Robarte Rayne, and Nicholas Close, with others.

CCVIII. DOMINÆ MARIÆ TUNSTALL TESTAMENTUM.

In the name of God, Amen. 31 December, 21st Eliz. I Dame Marie Tunstall,* widowe of Sir Marmaducke Tunstall, knighte, late deceased, beinge at this presente sycke and feble in bodie. — First I do geve my sowle into th'ands of Allmightie God, the Father, the Son, and the Holie Ghoste, and my bodie to be buried in the paroche churche of Barnyngham, at the discrecion of my executor and supervisors, and as the lawes of this realme will permitt. Item I do geve and bequeathe to the wardens of the said churche the some of ten pounds to be bestowed thereupon at sight and vewe of my said executor and churche wardens for the tyme being. Item I do geve unto Rauphe Cotts, procter of the said churche, for tyethes forgotten, fortie shillings. Item I do geve and bequeathe to John Dawneye, esquire, my sonn in lawe, twentie pounds. To Thomas Dawneye gentleman, his eldest sonn, ten pounds and one litle cupp of silver and gilt pounsyd. To Marmaducke Dawneye, his second sonn, ten pounds. To William

* Mary daughter and co-heir of Sir Robert Scargill of Scargill and Thorpe Stapleton, near Leeds, and widow of Sir Marmaduke Tunstall, who had become, in right of his wife, the owner of Scargill. Sir Marmaduke was the eldest son and heir of the celebrated Sir Brian Tunstall of Thurland Castle in Lancashire, who fell on the field of Floddon, and was consequently the nephew of the illustrious Cuthbert Tunstall, bishop of Durham. After his marriage he appears to have resided principally in Yorkshire, and he found a powerful patron in his uncle. He was indebted to him for several leases in the higher part of the county of Durham, and he also obtained from the same prelate a lease of the manor-house and demesne lands of Howden. He was also made Constable of Durham Castle. At the dissolution of the religious houses he followed the political bias of his uncle, and took so vigorous a part in their destruction, that on the breaking out of Aske's rebellion he was marked out for especial vengeance. In a contemporaneous letter, preserved in the State Paper Office, he is spoken of as having, "in the last commotion, servyd the king truly, to his jeperdye and almost losse of his howse, which the comons raparyd thedyr wold have byrnt, unless somme mor sobre then the residew had refreyned them." He is said to have died about the year 1566, in which year his will is dated. The testatrix left by Sir Marmaduke one son and three daughters, of whom Anne married John Dauney of Sessay, esq., Isabel married William Redeman, esq., and . . . . married George Middleton, esq. The present will is extremely valuable, as it makes considerable additions to the pedigrees of almost all the families, which are mentioned in it.

Dawneye, his third sonn, ten pounds. To Darcie Dawneye, his fourthe son, ten pounds. Item I do geve unto my doughter An Tunstall* one tanckard of silver duble gilt, and one gold ringe with a rubie. Item I do give unto Francise Tunstall sonn to my son Francise Tunstall one little chyne of gold and my best standinge cupp. To William Tunstall second sonn to my said sonn Francise one silver goblet gilt without a cover. Item I do geve and bequeathe unto the said William Tunstall all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, sett, lyinge, and beinge in Barnynghame, in the countie of Yorke, which I late had in exchainge for other lands of my said sonn Francise Tunstall, to have and to holde all the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments as or aforsaid unto the said William and to his heires and assignes for ever, to be holdenn of the cheife lorde of the fee thereof by service due and accustomed. Item I do geve unto Marie Tunstall, eldest doughter of my said son Francise, one hundrithe markes. To Margarete Tunstall, his second doughter, one hundrethe markes. To Jane Tunstall, his third doughter, one hundrethe marks. To Alice Tunstall, his fourthe doughter, fyftie pounds; and to Elizabethe Tunstall, his fyft doughter, fyftie pounds. Item I do geve unto Ellen Midleton, doughter of George Midleton esquier, for and towards her mariage, fourtie pounds. Item I do geve unto Ann Midleton, his second doughter, one hundrethe marks in preferment of hir mariage. Item I do geve to my doughter Isabell Readman the some of fortie pounds. To Ellen Readman, her doughter, fortie pounds. Item I do geve to William, Marmaducke, Christofor, Francise, Gabriell, Jason, An, and Marie Readman, children of William Readman esquier, my sonn in lawe, gotten of the bodie of my said doughter Isabell, one hundrethe and three score pounds, to be equallie devided amongest them. Item I do geve unto George Sheffeld fyve marks. To Anthonie Sheffeld fyve marks. To Francise Hirdson twentie marks. To James Newton foure pounds. To John Heines one mare and one hefferr. To John Wailes tenn pounds. To Bartholomewe Atkinson fyve marks. To William Thomson, my worke servante, fourtie shillings. To Richard Wyelie, my servante, ten hogge shepe. To Dorothie Thomson syx pounds xiij s. iiij d. To Elizabethe Ap-

* There are some disputed points in the pedigree of Tunstall, and this is one of them. In Dr. Whitaker's pedigree, after Sir Marmaduke, there are three successive generations, with a Francis Tunstall at the head of the house. Others consider that there were only two of that name, and strike out a whole generation, making Francis, the son of the testatrix, marry for his first wife the lady whom some ascribe to his son. This lady was Anne daughter of Richard Bold of Bold, esq. The present will perhaps favours the latter opinion, as Ann Tunstall, the natural daughter of the testatrix, is said to have been married to Sir John Dauney. She may perhaps have had two daughters of the same name; or, as is more probable, there is some mistake in the names which occur in the pedigree.

plebie fyve marks. To Tarren syx shillings eight pence. To Charitie her doughter one heffer. To William Shawe one heffer. To Rowland, my milner, xxvj s. viij d. To Braken one heffer. To Christofer Outhwayte xiij s. four pence. To Michaell Hutchenson one heffer. To Leonard Thomson one fillie. To William Thomson one fillie. To William Smithes xx s. To Richard Smithies twentie shillings. To Jane Smithies xxvj s. viij d. To Anthonie Ridall one mare. To Richard Heyton one hefferr. To William Garthewayte one heffer and fouer yowes. To Robert Jameson towe yowes. To my son Frances Tunstall his servants twentie wedder sheepe to be devided amongst them at discrecion of my said sonn, and I do geve to everye one of men and women servants nowe in wages one hole yeres wage over and above these waiges nowe due. Item I do geve and bequeathe unto Thomas Smithies my servante one anuitie or yearlie rent of fortie shillings to be taken yerelie from my lands in Scotton for his life (with liberty to distrain). Item I do geve and bequeathe unto Marie Tunstall, Margret and Jeane Tunstall, doughters to my said son Francise abovenamed, all my rents and farmes, quite rents and services, issuing, paiable, and going forthe my lands, &c. in Cudworthe, Darfeld, Wackfeld, Saxton, Abberforde, Garford, Litle Leyke, East Appleton, Hudiswell, Richmond, and three pounds yearly rent in Scotton, to have hold untill the said Marie, Margaret, and Jane Tunstall be to everie one of theme ansquered and fullie paid the whole and the cleare some of fyve hundrethe markes each over and above all charges for the preferments of theire severall mariages (with power to distrain). Item I do geve unto my cosyns Rauphe Conyers, and Cuthbert, John, Mathewe, George, and Thomas Conyers, his brethren, to everie one of them, one duble duckett in gold. And I do ordayne and make my well beloved son Frances Tunstall esquier my sole execr., unto whome I geve the rest of my goods to use for the health of my soule. — Supervisors John Dawneye esquier and William Readman esquier my sonnes in lawe; and I do geve to either of them for there paynes fyve pounds, Sir John Ratclife, of Ordesall, knighte, also a supervisor. Witnesses, George Readman, John Smelt, John Coniers, Henrie Thomson, &c. [Prob. 21 March, 1578-9, adm. to Francis Tunstall, esqr. her son.] (*)

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P. 21, line 12 from top, *remove the comma after* " fourtye." *The date is uncertain.*

P. 83, line 1 of note, *for* Walburne *read* Walburn.

P. 87, line 10 of note, *for* Walborne *read* Walburn.

P. 159, note on Sir Christopher Wray. Some alteration is here requisite. In the first place, the character of Vincent is perhaps too severely assailed. Although Vincent was an acute herald, his very ingenuity frequently led him into error. Again, the family of Jackson *did* bear coat-armour. On the tomb of Frances Lady Wray (daughter of Sir William and sister and co-heir to Sir Robert Drury, of Hawstead, co. Suffolk), in Ashby Church, co. Lincoln, we find Wray quartering Jackson (Argent, on a chevron, between three bird's heads erased sable, three cinquefoils of the field). This discovery, however, invalidates Lord Campbell's argument more than it does mine, as his lordship brings forward the absence of the arms as a proof of Sir Christopher Wray's illegitimacy.

P. 161, line 14 from top, *for* Pude *read* Rude.

P. 187, line 22 of note, *for* 1323 *read* 1313.

P. 205, line 23 of note, *for* who died *read* who had died.

P. 226, line 6 from top, *for* hoisse *read* hoipe.

THE SURTEES SOCIETY.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR MDCCCLIII.

The Surtees Society celebrates to-day its 18th Anniversary, having from the period of its foundation, in the year 1834, steadily and successfully pursued the important objects for which it was originally established, the doing honour to the memory of the late Robert Surtees, Esq., the historian of the County Palatine of Durham, by publishing, in accordance with his plans, such inedited manuscripts as tend to throw light upon the intellectual, the moral, the religious, and the social condition of the northern districts of England and of that part of Scotland included between the Tweed and the Frith of Forth. From the period of its establishment it has sent forth from the press not fewer than twenty-six volumes (an enumeration of which is appended), containing the most authentic and valuable materials under each of the above departments; and the time has already arrived when its publications are beginning to fulfil the important purposes which they were intended to serve, its various volumes being perpetually referred to as authorities of the most unquestionable character by those who have been engaged in treating of the civil or ecclesiastical history of the kingdom at large. To the philologist, the architect, the ritualist, and the statistician, they have also rendered the most important assistance, and the inquirer into the manners and customs and modes of living of our ancestors, under whatever department, has gained from them information which could not elsewhere have been obtained. Not only has our Society effected all this by its own exertions but it has led to the establishment of numerous other publishing societies in the various departments of our history and literature, which have in many instances adopted its principal rules and regulations, and have benefitted by its example. The Surtees Society was, it is believed, the very first publishing Society established in this kingdom, and, it must be repeated, it has been the happy means of exciting others to combine in undertaking the publication of matter of the greatest importance, the risk of which no single individual would have ventured to incur.

Since the happy connection of the Surtees Society with the University of Durham, now four years ago, circumstances have enabled it to pursue its course in a more regular way. From that time there has been no interruption in its yearly course of publication, and arrangements have been made to secure for the future a due punctuality in this most important respect, which is so satisfactory to its members and so essential to its existence. One of the books for the present year, a Volume of Wills from the Registry at Richmond (not due, be it remembered, till December next), is now ready for our members, and the other, the Pontifical of Egbert, Archbishop of York, is advancing in the press and will be delivered, it is expected, in the October term, this also anticipating its due time. For the year 1854 the Yearly Account Rolls of the Benedictine Monasteries or Cells of Jarrow and Monkwearmouth will constitute one publication, the Dean and Chapter of Durham, in whose custody those documents are preserved, having obligingly permitted transcripts to be made for the purpose. These rolls will constitute a volume of considerable interest, and in full accordance with the objects of the Society. The name of Jarrow is fraught with historical and literary associations, and is most closely connected with the very first history of the English Church. Here lived the Venerable Bede, here, among his numerous other laborious works, he wrote his Historia Gentis Anglorum, and here he died.

> "The saint, the scholar, from a circle free'd
> Of toil stupendous, in a hallow'd seat
> Of learning where thou heard'st the billows beat
> On a wild coast—rough monitors to feed
> Perpetual industry. Sublime recluse!
> The recreant soul that dares to shun the debt
> Impos'd on human kind must first forget
> Thy diligence, thy unrelaxing use
> Of a long life, and in the hour of death
> The last dear service of thy passing breath."

The name and fame of this venerable man induced the Norman Monks of Durham to establish at Jarrow and Monkwearmouth (sister churches in the time of Bede) colonies from their house, and of these two fraternities the Surtees Society will in 1854 publish the proceedings, as far as they are respectively developed in the yearly accounts of their receipts and expenses. Such periodical Inventories as are preserved of the goods and chattels of the two cells, with their books, vestments, plate, &c., will be inserted in their chronological order, and thus there will be placed before the members of the Society and the public at large, a fit accompaniment to the similar volumes of the Priories of Finchale and Cold-

ingham, books which have been more used than any other of the Society's publications by the church historian, the ritualist, and the architect.

The second volume for the year 1854 will consist of one or more of the four Gospels from the Northumbrian interlinear Gloss to the Gospels contained in the MS. Nero D. IV. in the Brit. Mus., commonly known as the Lindisfarne Gospels or Durham Book, to be collated with a coœval translation in the Bodl. Libr. called the Rushworth MS. This famous Book is believed to be the identical volume of the Gospels which fell into the sea upon the flight of the Monks of Lindisfarne into Ireland for fear of the Danes, and was afterwards found washed up upon the coast. Its subsequeut history is identical with that of the Church of Durham until the dissolution, but happening then to be at Holy Island it fell into the hands of the Crown by the first act of spoliation (27 H. 8), and coming afterwards into the possession of Sir Robert Cotton, is now with the rest of his collection in its present place of custody.

Of other matter to engage the attention of the Society in years to come there is abundance. So numerous indeed and so important are the subjects to which the attention of ths Council has been drawn that selection becomes no easy task. A few of those subjects are subjoined, together with a financial statement of the present condition of the Society and its receipts and expenses since the last report.

THE SURTEES SOCIETY,

Established in the year 1834,

In honour of the late Robert Surtees, of Mainsforth, Esquire, the Author of the History of the County Palatine of Durham, and in accordance with his pursuits and plans; having for its object the publication of inedited Manuscripts, illustrative of the intellectual, the moral, the religious, and the social condition of those parts of England and Scotland, included on the East between the Humber and the Frith of Forth, and on the West between the Mersey and the Clyde, a region which constituted the Ancient Kingdom of Northumberland.

NEW RULES AGREED UPON IN 1849.

At a General Meeting of the Surtees Society, held in the room of the Warden of the University of Durham, on Thursday, May 31,

1849, the Rev. TEMPLE CHEVALLIER, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, in the chair,

The Report of the Committee appointed at a General Meeting, held on the 7th of February last, to revise the Rules of the Society was taken into consideration, and the following Rules were adopted for the future government of the Society:—

I. The Society shall consist of an unlimited number of members.

II. There shall be a Patron of the Society, and the Right Reverend Edward Maltby, D.D., F.R.S., Lord Bishop of Durham, shall be the first Patron.

III. The Warden of the University of Durham for the time being should be the President of the Society.

IV. There shall be twenty-four Vice-Presidents, of whom four shall be such of the Professors, Tutors, or Fellows of the University of Durham as shall be members of the Society. There shall also be a Secretary and two Treasurers.

V. The Patron, the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurers, shall form the Council, any five of whom, including the Secretary and a Treasurer, shall be a quorum competent to transact the business of the Society.

VI. The twenty-four Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurers, shall be elected at a general meeting, to continue in office for three years, and be capable of re-election.

VII. Any vacancy in the offices of Secretary or Treasurers shall be provisionally filled up by the Council, subject to the approbation of the next general meeting.

VIII. Three meetings of the Council shall be held in every year, one in each academical term of the University of Durham, at such place, and on such a day, as shall be fixed upon by the President, to be communicated by the Secretary to the members of the Council.

IX. The meeting in the Easter Term of each year shall be the anniversary, to which all the members of the Society shall be convened by the Secretary.

X. The President shall have the power of convening extraordinary meetings of the Council.

XI. Members may be elected by ballot at any one of the terminal meetings, upon being proposed in writing by three existing members. One black ball in ten shall exclude.

XII. Each member shall pay in advance to the Treasurer the annual sum of one guinea. If any member's subscription shall be in arrear for two years, and he shall neglect to pay his subscription after having been reminded by the Treasurer, he shall be regarded as having ceased to be a member of the Society.

XIII. The money raised by the Society shall be expended in publishing such compositions, in their original language, or in a translated form, as come within the scope of this Society, without limitation of time with reference to the period of their respective

authors. All editorial and other expenses to be defrayed by the Society.

XIV. One volume, at least, in a closely printed octavo form, shall be supplied to each member of the Society every year, free of expense.

XV. If the funds of the Society in any year will permit, the Council shall be at liberty to print and furnish to the members, free of expense, any other volume or volumes of the same character, in the same or a different form.

XVI. The number of copies of each publication, and the selection of a printer and publisher, shall be left to the Council, who shall also fix the price at which the copies not furnished to members shall be sold to the public.

XVII. The armorial bearings of Mr. Surtees and some other characteristic decoration connecting the Society with his name, together with the armorial bearings of the University of Durham, shall be used in each publication.

XVIII. A list of the officers and members, together with an account of the receipts and expenses of the Society, shall be made up every year to the time of the annual meeting, and shall be submitted to the Society to be printed and published with the next succeeding volume.

XIX. No alteration shall be made in these rules except at an annual meeting. Notice of any such alteration shall be given, at least as early as the terminal meeting of the Council immediately preceding, to be communicated to each member of the Society.

(Signed) TEMPLE CHEVALLIER.

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